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But in the masterpiece of Fred Ammermeyer's benevolent career there was no such attempt at direct missionarying; indeed, his main idea when he conceived it was to hold up to scorn and contumely, by the force of mere contrast, the crude missionarying of his theological opponents. This idea seized him one evening when he dropped into the Central Police Station to pass the time of day with an old friend, a police lieutenant who wa then the only known freethinker on the Baltimore force. Christmas was approaching and the lieutenant was in an unhappy and rebellious frame of mind — not because he objected to its orgies as such, or because he sought to deny Chtistians its beautiful consolations, but simply and sorely because he always had the job of keeping order at the annual free dinner by the massed missions of the town to the derelicts of the waterfront, and that duty compelled him to listen politely to a long string of pious exhortations, many of them from persons he knew to be whited sepulchres.

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Health Report —

X-Rays Find Tuberclosis Cases

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Through wide spread education by the schools and organizations such as the Forrest County Tuberculosis Association and health department, people have learned much about how to protect their health, he continued.

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What with this being Christmas, or right at it, I remember each year the tale of the late Santa Claus of Hattiesburg, Miss. It happened some three or four years ago that in one of the department stores there was a St. Nick who was exhausted from ten to twelve hours of "Ho, ho, hoing." Finally, about closing time a day or two before Christmas a father bought his son a bicycle, and nothing would do but that Santa take the purchase downstairs and out to the parked car a block or so away. Well, St. Nick, being on a per hour basis had no choice. So he waded through the traffic in the store, bumping and shoving along with everyone else. Finally, he reached the front door and the stream of traffic in and out was such that Santa got wedged in the front door with the bicycle. In utter and complete disgust, he turned and looked at the crowd who was watching his predicament with amusement, and said: "I'll be so damned glad when Christmas is over 'till I won't know what to do!"

As I understand, his Christmas was over, the manager being among the audience to which Santa had spoken his true convictions.

A few days before Thanksgiving my young daughter, Karen, was going up and down the street telling all the neighbors "We're poor folks. We ain't got no turkey for our Thanksgiving." And, by golly, the day before Thanksgiving the Kings of Pascagoula called and invited us down. Well, friends, she's going around now chanting the same song . . . we're just sittin' home waiting for a call. Please don't call collect . .. please!

If you have a friend who is a member of the Ku Klux Council, possibly a good present to give him is a sheet . . . so he can cover up his face.

Noted with alarm a news story recently in which it was stated that Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College for the past quarter century, was going to retire. By any standard, that's a body blow to liberal education. Perhaps, though, he'll have more time to give to addressing council meetings.

This happened just last Sunday night in Hattiesburg: A little girl was seated beside her father on the front row watching the presentation of the Christmas Story. She nugged her father and asked, "Who's that in the straw, daddy?"

"Be quite,' was the answer from he father.

"But daddy," she insited," I want to know who's in the straw?"

"Well," replied her father in hushed tones, "that's the little Lord Jesus."

In great excitement the young lady demanded to know, "Well, what's He doing in Hattiesburg?"

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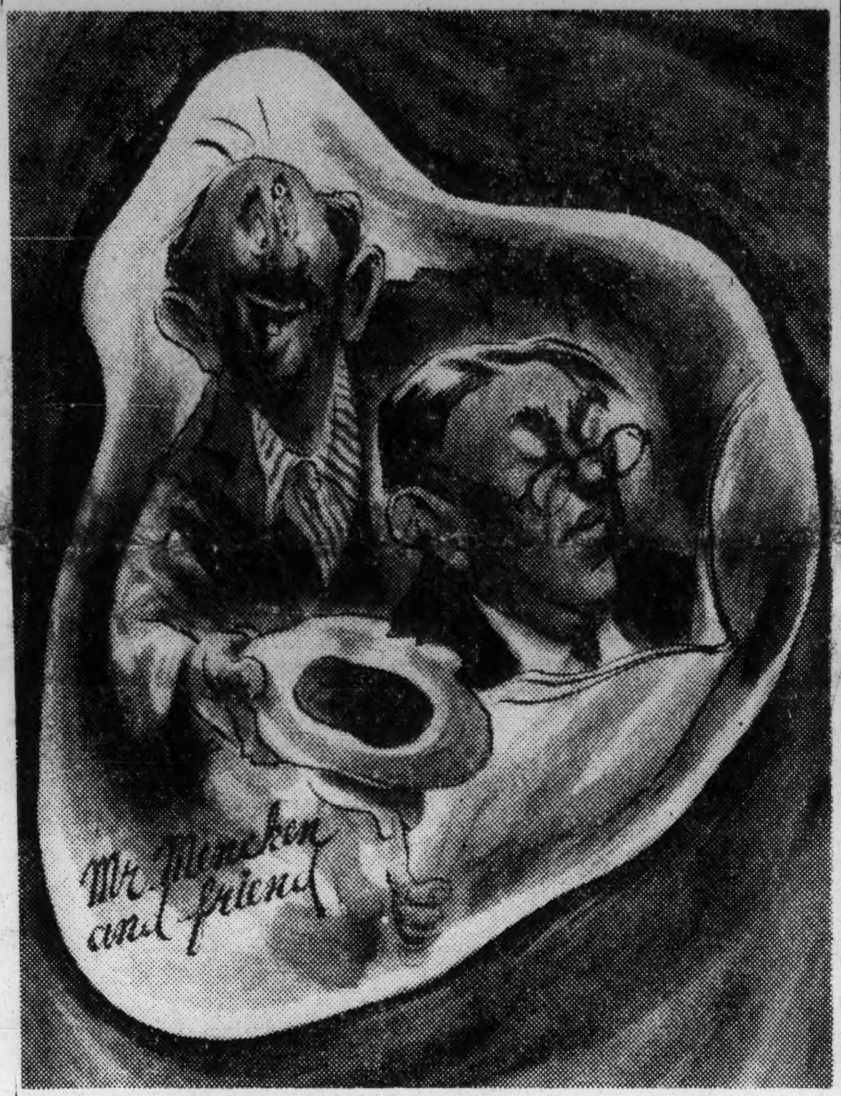

previous communications to the press. If you want a bird's-eye view of his character, you can do no better than turn to the famous specifications for an ideal bishop in I Timothy III, 2-6. So far as I know, no bishop now in practice on earth meets those specifications precisely, and more than one whom I could mention falls short of them by miles, but Leopold qualified under at least eleven of the sixteen counts, and under some of them he really shone.

He was extremely liberal (at least with the brewery's money), he had only one wife (a natural blonde weighing a hundred and eighty-five pounds) and treated her with great humanity, he was (I quote the text) "no striker . . . not a brawler," and he was preeminently "vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach." Not once in the days I knew him and admired him, c. 1900, did he ever show anything remotely resembling a bellicose and rowdy spirit, not even against the primeval Prohibitionist of the age, the Lutheran pastors who so often plastered him from the pulpit, or the saloonkeepers who refused to lay in Scharnhorst beer. He was a sincere friend to the orphans, the aged, all blind and one-legged men, ruined girls, opium fiends, Chinamen, oyster dredgers, ex-convicts, the more respectable sort of colored people, and all the other oppressed and unfortunate classes of the time, and he slipped them, first and last, many a substantial piece of money.

Nor was he the only Baltimore infidel of those days who thus shamed the churchly. Indeed, the name of one of his buddies, Fred Ammermeyer, jumps into my memory at once. Fred and Leopold, I gathered, had serious dogmatic differences, for there are as many variations in doctrine between infidels as between Christians, but the essential benignity of both men kept them on amicable terms, and they often cooperated in good works. The only noticeable difference between them was that Fred usually tried to sneak a little propaganda into his operations — a dodge that the more scrupulous Leopold was careful to avoid. Thus, when a call went out for Bibles for the paupers lodged in Bayview, the Baltimore almshouse, Fred responded under an assumed name with a gross that had to be scrapped at once, for he had marked all the more antinomian passages with a red, indelible pencil — for example, Proverbs VII, 18-19; Luke XII, 19; I Timothy V, 23; and the account of David's dealing with Uriah in II Samuel XI. Again, he once hired Charlie Metcalfe, a small-time candy manufacturer, to prepare a special pack of chocolate drops for orphans and ruined girls with a deceptive portrait of Admiral Dewey on the cover and a print of Bob Ingersoll's harangue over his brother's remains at the bottom of each box. Fred had this subversive exequium reprinted many times, and distributed at least two hundred and fifty thousand copies in Baltimore between 1895 and 1900. There were some Sunday-school scholars who received, by one device or another, at least a dozen. As for the clergy of the town, he sent each and every one of them a copy of Paine's "Age of Reason" three or four times a year — always disguised as a special-delivery or registered letter marked " Urgent." Finally, he employed seedy rabble rousers to mount soap boxes at downtown street corners on Saturday nights and there bombard the assembled loafers, peddlers, and cops with speeches which began seductively

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Fred's duly boiled, and to immediate effect. By noon the next day he had rented the largest hall on the waterfront and sent word to the newspapers that arrangements for a Christmas party for bums to end all Christmas parties for bums were under way. His plan for it was extremely simple. The first obligation of hospitality, he announced somewhat prissily, was to find out precisely what one's guests wanted, he had no shade of doubt, for he was a man of worldly experience and he had also, of course, the advice of his friend the lieutenant, a recognized expert in the psychology of the abandoned.

First and foremost, they wanted as much malt liquor as they would buy themselves if they had the means to buy it. Second, they wanted a dinner that went on in rhythmic waves, all day and all night, until the hungriest and hollowest bum was reduced to breathing with not more than one cylinder of one lung. Third, they wanted not a mere sufficiency but a riotous superfluity of the best five-cent cigars on sale on the Baltimore wharves. Fourth, they wanted continous entertainment, both theatrical and musical, of a sort in consonance with their natural tastes and their station in life. Fifth, and last, they wanted complete freedom from evangelical harassment of whatever sort, before, during, and after the secular ceremonies.

On this last point, Fred laid special stress, and every city editor in Baltimore had to hear him expound it in person. I was one of those city editors, and I well recall his great earnestness, amounting almost to moral indignation. It was an unendurable outrage, he argued, to invite a poor man to a free meal and then make him wait for it while he was battered with criticism of his ways, however well intended. And it was an even greater outrage to call upon him to stand up in public and confess to all the false steps of what may have been a long and much troubled life. Fred was determined, he said, to give a party that would be devoid of all the blemishes of the similar parties staged by the Salvation Army, the mission helpers, and other such nefarious outfits. If it cost him his last cent, he would give the bums of Baltimore massive and unforgettable proof that philanthropy was by no means a monopoly of gospel sharks — that its highest development, in truth, was to be found among freethinkers.

It might have cost him his last cent if he had gone it alone, for he was by no means a man of wealth, but his announcement had hardly got out before he was swamped with offers of help. Leopold Bortsch pledged twenty-five barrels of Scharnhorst beer and every other Totsaufer in Baltimore rushed up to match him. The Baltimore agents of the Pennsylvania two-fer factories fought for the privilege of contributing the cigars. The poultry dealers of Lexington, Fells Point, and Cross Street markets threw in barrel after barrel of dressed turkeys, some of them in very fair condition. The members of the boss bakers' association, not a few of them freethinkers themselves, promised all the bread, none more than two days old, that all the bums of the Chesapeake littoral could eat, and the public-relations counsel of the Celery Trust, the Cranberry Trust, the Sauerkraut Trust, and a dozen other such cartels and combinations leaped at the chance to serve.

If Fred had to fork up cash for any part of the chow, it must have been for the pepper and salt alone. Even the ketchup was contributed by social-minded members of the Maryland canners' association, and with it they threw in a dozen cases of dill pickles, chowchow, mustard, and mincemeat. But the rent of the hall had to be paid, and not only paid but paid in advance, for the owner thereof was a Methodist deacon, and there were many other expenses of considerable size — for example, for the entertainment, the music, the waiters and bartenders, and the mistletoe and immortelles which decorated the hall. Fred, if he had desired, might have got the free services of whole herds of amateur musicians and elocutionists, but he swept them aside disdainfully, for he was determined to give his guests a strictly professional show. The fact that a burlesque com-

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An introductory talk was given by Mrs. Herman Grantham on what is being done in East Forrest School to furnish good books. Mrs. W. G. Barlow gave a talk on "Reading Good Books". Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ratcliff gave an entertaining skit using excerpts from the book, "Merry Christmas, Mr. Baxter."

Room counts were won by Miss Lois Davis of Juniof High, Miss Helen Cameron, Senior High, Miss Maggie Craft of Lower Elementary and Mrs. J. D. McElhaney of Higher Elementary.

A social hour was enjoyed with refreshments being served by the Hospitality committee composed of Mrs. W. C. Golden, Mrs. Ed Beaumont and Mrs. Warren Ratcliff.

'Mail Now!' Urges Local Postmaster

The Christmas mail rush has nearly reached its peak according to Postmaster Tressie V. Brogan, who expressed her thanks today for your cooperation so far on her annual "Mail Early For Christmas" campaign.

However, the post office faces a critical situation during the next few days and time is rapidly running out for late mailers. Every postal employee is digging in for the final big rush, and you can help tremendously by using air parcel post for gift packages, and air mail postage for your Christmas cards going to distant states.

Send cards for local delivery by first class mail. Be sure that your Christmas cards are all addressed correctly and that they carry return addresses, thus insuring forwarding service or return to you if any of them are undeliverable. Make your post office trips before 10:00 a.m. or between 1:30 p. m. and 3:30 p.m. By all means, mail those Christmas cards and packages now. A delay of even a few hours now may mean they cannot arrive at their destinations before Christmas!

The play with the longest run on Broadway is "Life With Father" with 3,224 performances. Second is "Tobacco Road" with 3,182 performances and third is "Abie's Irish Rose" with 2,327 performances.

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To date a total of 32 new cases of tuberculosis was reported in 1956. The health department has a record of 224 cases in the county. Dr. Blackwelder estimates there are a number of persons who do not know they have the disease, going about our community spreading the germs. You cannot be complacent about TB. You cannot shrug it off because f your economic status or race. Here at the health department we see how often it strikes an unsuspecting family.

One of the many uses to which Christmas Seal Sales funds are put in this County is in service to help the county's tuberculosis patients adjust to hospital life and prepare for return to community life. Conducted by the Forrest County Tuberculosis Association to raise funds for the 1956 tuberculosis control program, the Christmas Seal Sale opened November 15 and will continue through December 31st.

Rehabilitation of the tuberculous is a continuing process which begins at the time of diagnosis. It helps the patient and his family accept the idea of treatment and plan for his entering the hospital. It helps him adjust to life in the hospital when he first enters.

It helps the patient plan his future and prepare for his return home, ready to assume his place in the community, when he receives his medical discharge from the hospital.

The association's major projects, however, are health education and case finding programs, and contributes to medical and social research on tuberculosis. These activities are made possible solely through the sale of Christmas Seals.

Ninety-four cents of every dollar remains with the state and county organizations and only six cents goes to the National Association for research. Local people operate your TB Association and spend your money to fight TB here in Forrest County. They are your neighbors and friends. When you are dissatisfied with the job they are doing, you can tell them about it. When you are satisfied —they never are—you can tell them that too, and support them by buying Seals and cooperating with their year round tuberculosis control programs.

Officers of the Association are: Rev. R. D. Littleton, President; Mrs. Rhea Smith, Secretary, and T. T. Brown, Treasurer.

THE PETAL PAPER

Editorial Comment

In Our Opinion, It Amounts To This . . .

At Christmastime —

A Fable

The Man was tried, most tired. In His face lines had deepened, and from His eyes some of the spark had disappeared. His shoulders were beginning to stoop, and He had seemed to smile less and less as the centuries roled by.

Called into His Father's House, The Man heard the Voice saying, "My Son, you need a vacation. I beseech You to take time off from Your duties. Go where You like, do what You like, and know that I am always with You."

The city was filled with a spirit of peace, brotherly love. Friend hailed friend as they passed on the streets. Stranger spoke to stranger. The Man looked on with interest, feeling great peace within himself.

"Merry Christmas," said a stranger, noticing the kindly Man standing by a mail box on the busy street.

"Peace be unto ye," replied the Man, smiling.

Three youths passed, stopped and wished the Man Christmas Cheer. "Merry Christmas," they cried out.

"Merry Christmas," said the Man. His voice implied a question.

"Sure," said one of youths, " You a foreigner or something? You don't know about Christmas?"

"Oh, yes, yes," the Man replied. "But . . ."

"Well," interrupted the youth, "Christmas is a great day. Everybody feels good and everybody forgets old feelings and everybody gets the feeling of the spirit of the season."

"The season?" inquired the Man. "Sure. This the season of Brotherly Love. Christmas time is when we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Savoir."

"Yes, yes, I see," He said, indicating that He would like to hear more of the youth's narrative.

"And just to show you what I mean," inform the youth, "we would like for you to go with us to a party we are having tonight."

The four began to walk toward a parked automobile. They entered, and drove toward their destination.

"Before we get there," began one of the youths, "I think it would be good to know a little about you. What do you do?"

"Well," smiled the Man, "you might say I'm a teacher. "

"That's good. Not too many teachers belong to our Country Club. I think it's most decent of us to take a teacher with us, don't you, fellows?"

The three youths laughed.

"Now, where do you come from?" asked another youth. " Is this your home . . . I mean this country?"

"No, this is not my home," answered the Man. "I mean by that I was not born here; yet I seem to be at home in most every nation."

"Yeah?" quizzed one of the youths, "Just where were you born? What counrty?"

The Man smiled, remembering the youths He had known for many centuries. He said: "As a matter of fact, I was born in Bethlehem. That was a small town in Palestine, near the city of Jerusalem."

They drove on in silence for a few minutes.

Finally, one of the youths began, "Well, I,er, that ah . . . well, I guess you're a Jew, aren't you?"

"Well, yes and no," said the Man. "I was born of Jewish parents, but . . ."

"I'm sorry," interrupted one of the youths, "but we can't take a Jew to the Club. That is against the rules, absolutely. We'll take you back down town. I hope you understand . . . no hard feelings, that's just a rule."

"Yes, yes," said the Man. "I think I understand . . . and no hard feelings."

He stepped out of the automobile . . . and saddened, He watched it pull away from the curb, and into the heavy traffic . . .

He sat on the curb . . . His eyes were lacking some of their sparkle, and his shoulders were stooped, and there was no smile on His

New Medical Treatments May Cure Many Mysterious Ills

By Lawrence Galton
Condensed From
Town Journal Magazine

Recent discoveries about a little gland in your neck—the thyroid—and what it does to you, may improve your health and happiness, as well as that of your family, and of virtually every family in the nation.

For the thyroid is turning out to be the cause, and the means of curing, an incredible variety of such hitherto baffling problems as persistent colds and headaches, chronic over-tiredness, a slow-reading child, or inability to have children.

This remarkable gland—which looks like a pink butterfly with wings spread, one on each side of the larynx, and weighs only on ounce—fixes the rate at which you turn food into energy, your body grows, your tissues build and repair. It controls the tone of your muscles and the sensitivity of nerves.

Without it, you could live, but only like a vegetable. If it works sluggishly, the heartbeat slows, blood vessels in the hands and feet close down, and muscles fill with fat. If it overworks hard, your heart pounds, you sweat profusely, become jittery, full of tremors and mentally confused. For both extremes, effective new treatments are available. And many striking new discoveries have been made to help the in-between problems that arise when the thyroid goes only slightly wrong.

"Cures" Overwork

Just a few months ago, two Chicago physicians examined 600 business executives, and found that a surprisingly large number had a slightly low thyroid state. These were the people who left their offices exhausted and usually fell asleep, sitting in an easy chair, right after dinner. They thought the trouble was overwork. But their basic problem — easy to correct once it was recognized, was simply that their thyroid glands weren't working quite hard enough.

Doctors who, studied reading difficulties in a group of California children, de tected a little under functioning of the thyroid. With appropriate medication, many of the children— who had been unable to improve, even with special tutoring—made a 1½-year gain in reading ability in half a school year. They also did better work in every school subject.

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and women, ranging from 40 to 82 years of age, researchers fed thyroid extract. Results were amazing — tremendous increases in vigor and mental alertness, an end to constipation and other symptoms.

Aids Hardening of Arteries

Thyroid deficiency may even play a role in hardening of the arteries. Because the thyroid is prominently involved in the metabolism, or handling, of cholesterol, more than 200 people with hardening of the arteries were treated with thyroid extract, as well as a low-fat, low cholesterol diet. Some previously unable to work could return to jobs. And the death rate was reduced by two thirds.

The thyroid also seems to be important in determining fertility. In as many as 57% of all women unable to have children, and in many sterile men, thyroid function is a little low. Of all hormones used to help the childless, thyroid brings the best results. And when given to women prone to miscarriage and menstrual disorders, it has often been brilliantly successful.

Recent investigations have shown that a thyroid deficiency problem may also be involved in eczema, resistance to tuberculosis and alcoholism.

A major step forward in the development of new thyroid treatment for the inbetween problems came in 1951, when two London investigators discovered a new form of thyroid hormone, tri-

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writing on William Faulkner, which appeared in this column last week. I can think of only three excuses. (1) An eternal shortage of money, (2) An infernal shortage of talent. (3) What with the first two, this one follows naturally, a shortage of time.

Anyway, for three bucks a year what do you want, William Faulkner?

For the thoughtfullness shown in sending Christmas cards to me, I wish to thank each of you . . . to be more exact, both of you.

Merry Christmas

Daniel W. (Danny) Dabbs
District Attorney

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"Sure," said one of youths, " You a foreigner or something? You don't know about Christmas?"

"Oh, yes, yes," the Man replied. "But . . ."

"Well," interrupted the youth, ""Christmas is a great day. Everybody feels good and everybody forgets old feelings and everybody gets the feeling of the spirit of the season."

"The season?" inquired the Man. "Sure. This the season of Brotherly Love. Christmas time is when we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Savoir."

"Yes, yes, I see," He said, indicating that He would like to hear more of the youth's narrative.

"And just to show you what I mean," inform the youth, "we would like for you to go with us to a party we are having tonight."

"I would be very happy to attend your party," answered the Man.

They drove on in silence for a few minutes.

Finally, one of the youths began, "Well, I,er, that ah . . . well, I guess you're a Jew, aren't you?"

"Well, yes and no," said the Man. "I was born of Jewish parents, but . . ."

"I'm sorry," interrupted one of the youths, "but we can't take a Jew to the Club. That is against the rules, absolutely. We'll take you back down town. I hope you understand . . . no hard feelings, that's just a rule."

"Yes, yes," said the Man. "I think I understand . . . and no hard feelings."

He stepped out of the automobile . . . and saddened, He watched it pull away from the curb, and into the heavy traffic . . .

He sat on the curb . . . His eyes were lacking some of their sparkle, and his shoulders were stooped, and there was no smile on His face . . .

He wept.

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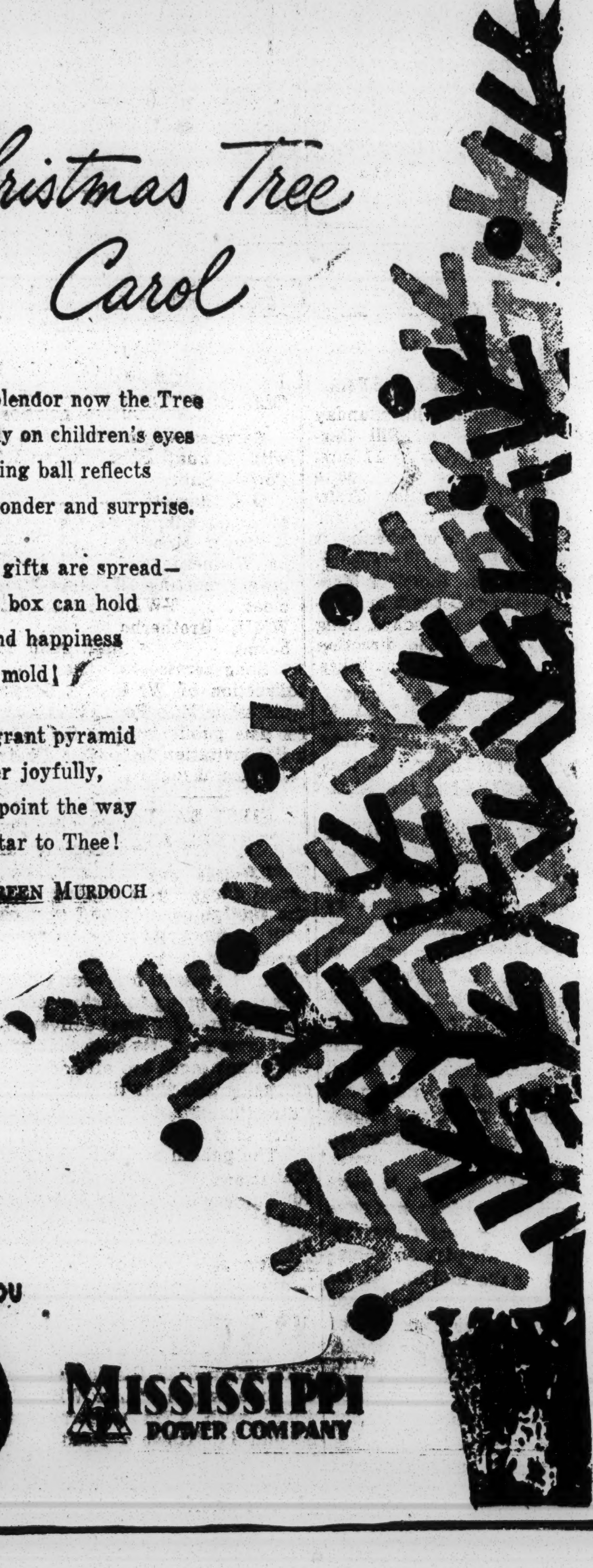
To just such a group of 82 men



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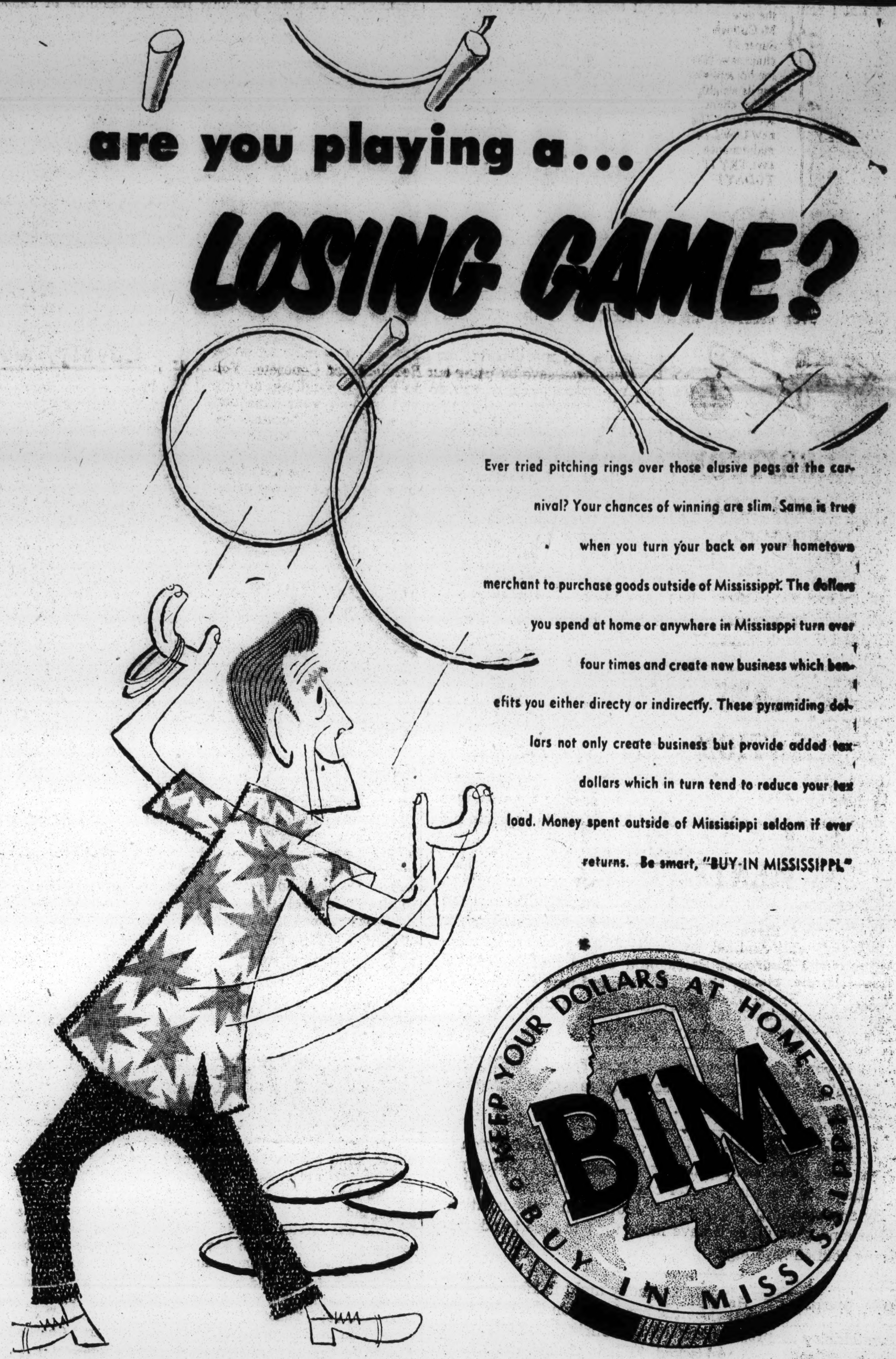

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7:30—Playhouse of Stars
8:00—Undercurrent
8:30—Amazing Dunninger
9:00—West Point
9:30—Zane Gray
10:00—Broken Arrow
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Potpourri
11:00—Starlight Theater

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22—
6:00—Strange World
7:00—Oh. Susanna
7:30—Hey Jennie
8:00—Crossroads
8:30—Ozzie & Harriet
9:00—Jackie Gleason
10:00—Lawrence Welk
11:00—Oral Roberts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—
6:00—Lassie
6:30—Private Secretary
7:30—Alfred Hitchcock
8:00—$64,000 Challenge
8:30—Man Called X
9:00—Ed Sullivan Show
11:00—Jeffery Jones

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—Voice of Firestone
7:00—I Love Lucy
7:30—December Bride
8:00—Count of Monte Cristo
8:30—Ole Miss Highlights
9:00—Burns and Allen
9:30—Talent Scouts
10:00—Wyatt Earp
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—TV Wrestling
11:15—Inner Sanctum

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—The Whistler
6:45—Name That Time
7:00—Herb Shriner
7:30—Rosemary Clooney
8:00—$64,000 Question
8:30—I Let Three Lives
9:00—Never Get Rich
9:30—Dangerous
10:00—Cavalcade Theatre
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Potpourri
11:00—Late Show

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26—
6:00—News-Sports
6:15—Douglas Edwards
6:30—Science—Fiction
7:00—The Millionaire
7:30—I've Got a Secret
8:00—Wednesday Nights Fights
9:00—Godfrey Show
10:00—Ford Theater
10:30—Reddy Kilowatt
10:35—Late News
10:45—Studio Wrestling
11:15—The Falcon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27—
6:00—News-Sports
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6:30—Superman
7:00—Robin Hood
7:30—Disneyland
8:30—Amos and Andy
9:00—Bob Cummings
9:30—Climax
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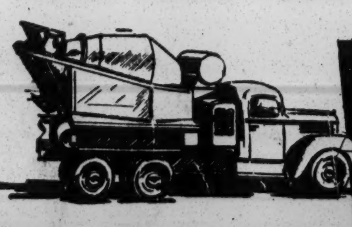

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10:30—Luzianne Patio Playhouse
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22—
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6:30—People Are Funny
7:00—Perry Como
8:00—Caesar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel
9:30—I Search For Adventure
10:00—I Led Three Lives
10:30—Death Valley Days
11:00—The World Tonight
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—
6:00—Tales of the 77th Bengal Lancers
6:30—Circus Boy
7:00—Steve Allen
8:00—Television Playhouse
9:00—Loretta Young Show
9:30—O. Henry Playhouse
10:00—Ozzie & Harriet
10:30—Navy Log
11:00—The World Tonight
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—John Gary
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Sir Lancelot
7:30—Stanley
8:00—Can Do
8:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
9:30—Around The Town "Man Called X"
10:00—Science Fiction Theatre
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25—
6:30—Jonathan Winters
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Big Surprise
7:30—Noah's Ark
8:00—Jane Wyman Show
8:30—Kaiser Aluminum Hour
9:30—The Count of Monte Cristo
10:00—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30—Studio 57
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6:30—Eddie Fisher
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7:00—Adventures of Hiram Holliday
7:30—Father Knows Best
8:00—Kraft Theatre
9:00—This Is Your Life
9:30—San Francisco Beat
10:00—Douglas Fairbanks Presents
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27—
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6:30—Dinah Shore
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Groucho Marx
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—Peoples Choice
8:30—The Ford Show
9:00—Project 20—The Jazz Age
10:00—Stage 7
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7:00—The Life of Riley
7:45—The Passerby
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8:30—Captured
9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:50—Red Barber's Corner
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22—
6:00—Sherlock Holmes
6:30—Western Marshal
7:00—Perry Como Show
8:00—Sid Catsar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel Show
9:30—The American Legend
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—
5:30—Sunday Playhouse
7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Highway Patrol
8:30—Million Dollar Premiere
10:00—The Late News

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—
6:00—News & Weather
6:15—Do You Know Why
6:20—Sports Today
6:30—Nat 'King' Cole Show
6:45—NBS News
7:00—International Playhouse
7:30—Orient Express
8:00—New Orleans Police Dept.
8:30—My Little Margie
9:00—Lawrence Welk Show
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25—
6:00—News & Weather
6:15—Football Hall of Fame
6:30—Just Friends
6:45—NBC News
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8:00—Star Performance
8:30—Man Called X
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6:45—NBS News
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7:30—Wrestling From Hollywood
8:30—Janet Dean
9:00—Play of the Week
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7:30—Walter Winchell Show
8:00—Badge 714
8:30—The Country Show
9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:45—Red Barber's Corner
10:00—Ted Mack Amateur Hour
11:00—WLBT News
11:10—WLBT Weathervane
11:15—Bill Pennell
11:20—Late Movie

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7:00—Perry Como Show
8:00—Caesar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel Show
9:30—Your Hit Parade
10:00—Chevy Show
11:00—Eddie Arnold
11:30—Texas Rasslin'

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—
6:00—77th Bengal Lancers
6:30—Circus Boy
7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Alcoa Hour
9:00—Loretta Young
9:30—Lawrence Welk Top Tunes and New Talent
10:30—WLBT Weathervane
10:35—WLBT News
10:45—Bill Pennell
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—
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6:15—WLBT Sports
6:25—Reporter's Notebook
6:30—TBA
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Sir Lancelot
7:30—Stanley
8:00—Can Do
8:30—Robt. Montgomery Presents
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10:00—Break the $250,000 Bank
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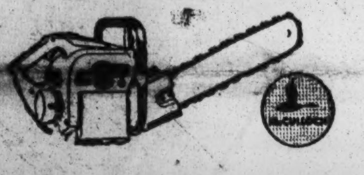

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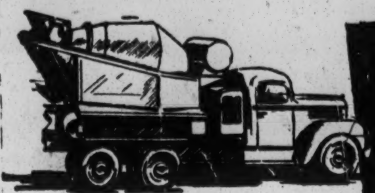

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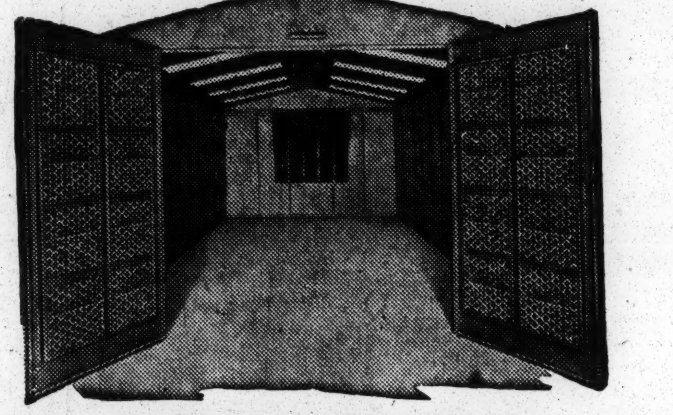

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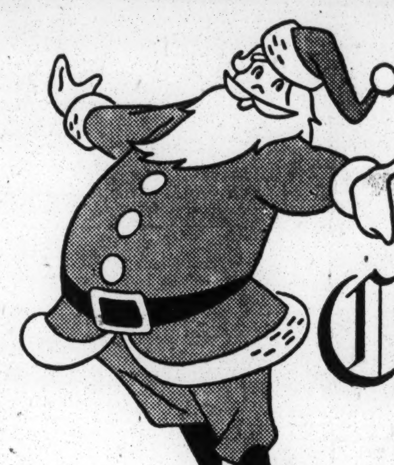

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Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

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Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

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Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

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ALONG THE R. F. D.

By Rose Budd Stevens

To me about the nicest things of winter are the wonderful fires we have. A fire draws our family together and if there is one thing I plan on even when it is the least bit chill, that is a fire.

When there is no fire in the offering, every member will find something to do elsewhere about the house. I mix up a cake or a batch of cookies, Joe works on his model planes, sketches dream cars and other things he likes to think about; Tim will read and Rose, Jr., will bang away on the piano while Dale sits and reads or looks at TV.

Not so when a fire burns merrily in the fireplace, watched over by the sweet little ruffle around the mantle board, and two sassy tin hens tacked up just above the bricks around the hearth. I have my favorite stool, one Joe made in school; Rose, Jr. sprawls on a big pillow, remember when women had a bolster on every bed, a pillow that reached from side to side, a fat fellow to hold the two pillows upright against the head of the bed. One of these bolsters has been handed down to me and it makes a grand TV seat or place to stretch out. Tim has his favorite chair and props his feet higher than his head when watching. Joe loves to lean against the wall and so he takes one of my hand made hickory chairs and leans it back at a angle that scares me to death for his safety and also that of the sturdy little chair that has seen over a hundred winters of burning fires.

Dale must sit close by the fire so he can keep it poked up and as he is official "wood-putter-on", he has a chair near the door.

When bed time comes we lay on a big green log, so there will be fire during the night and coals in the morning for a quic kfire where the children can dress. Frankly they lag around and enjoy the fire until I am tempted to let them dress by a gas heater; I recall the delicious feeling of getting either front or backside too hot, and then putting on clothes that were warm and snuggy. And the joy of having fire warmed shoes to put on, when the floors were cold and the smells of ball sausage and ham were drifting into the bedroom . . . my children like for me to turn their shoes sole-to-the-fire for a few minutes before calling them in the morning.

WOOD FIRE

The splintered logs, inert and dry,
prone within the fireplace,
Await the spark that dances by
And wakens them to living grace.

Then beauty warm the somber night
As flames of many colors rise
And fall on wings of restless light,
A cinema for watching eyes.

And any scene the heart desires.
And any face the eye would see
Enters the hearth on flaming spires
Of ever changing artistry.

—Alice Hartich.

This past week has been one that fills my heart with yearning for the people who have no one to help them give their children a good Christmas. I have been working at the Enterprise-Journal office where people are being registered for adoption. A wonderful plan whereby those who would be passed by are helped with baskets of goodies for Christmas day and a few days to come.

Mothers come in and with tears in their voices and anguish in their hearts tell of having nothing to get the barest suggestion of gifts for their children. Old people tell of having children who will not remember them at the blessed season.

Things at my house have gone to pot while I have been working but we manage. Of course I am enjoying the money, but it does my soul good to know that I can bring people anxious and eager to help in contact with those needing help. We may have fewer cakes and goodies at our house, the children each may have to pick up their things and use a broom more often, but others will have been helped and at this time of year that is most important.

For delightful entertainment for the whole family, I would recommend a mama cat and her newborn babies. Five beautiful little fellows, (all different, are snug as the proverbial bug in a rug) in an Argo Corn Starch box grace one corner of the kitchen. Mama cat (not the family cat of many years, and black as the back side of the chimney) is proud as can be of her newest brood and dresses their scant fur all day long. She lovingly broods over them, eyes-half closed and pays ino attention to their mewing and snuffing; when she gets tired of the bed of old shirts and underwear, she retires to her favorite seat, high on the kitchen stool, where she can watch the birds hopping outside, muse on the steam coming from the kettle and dainty step over to the place where I keep my typewriter and gentle and sure pat the keys as if to invite me to come write something about her and her babies.

Tim finds something new about the cats every hour; he calls in excited tones, "Muz, come quick and see." I go and he shows me a little paw, no bigger than the nail on his little finger. He grieves that the babies haven't opened their eyes and promises them sights that will astonish them when once they gaze around Shady Rest. Yes, a box of kittens can be fun, try it and see.

—Rose Budd.

Vide Mater Dolorosa

(Behold thy Mother)

Of men beloved with abuse
Since early stirring of creation
Thou hast been backdrop and excuse
To live by tears and supplication

Thou hast dispensed the living truth
On Calvary aflame with passion
To love thine enemies forsooth
And save our children from prostration

Would God appoint Thee ruler of
Men's detsiny and his salvation —
For, Mother, Thine is life and love

And peace to bless our generation,
A happy world to rise above
As backdrop of Thine Adoration.

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JAMES E. DEUTSCH

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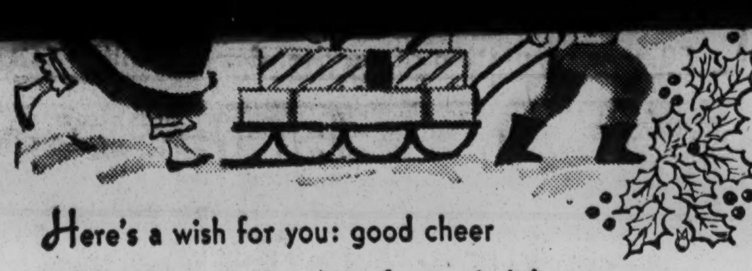

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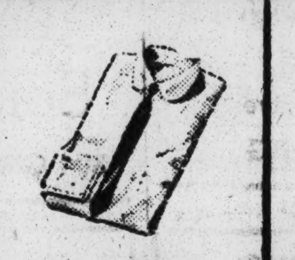
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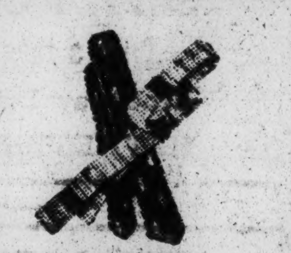
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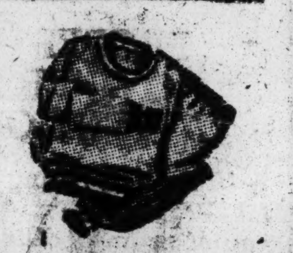
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The World Of Nature

By John M. Frazier

Christmas Mistletoe

Mistletoe is one of our best loved ornamentals for the Christmas season. We use it in celebrating the birth of Christ. It seems to have been used in religious rites even before the Christian Era by the peoples of England and the Mediterranean Sea region.

The name Mistletoe comes from the Saxon word mistl-tan which means "different twig". This is the evidence we have that this plant, which is a hemi-parasite, or half parasite, was understood even in ancient times to be different from its host.

It was the ancient Greek botanist, Theophrastus, who in the year 305 B.C. noted first that this plant is a parasite. It has been featured in legends of the Greeks, Norse, Germanic and other European peoples. It has been vested with supernatural powers to do good and evil in these legends.

A myth by the herbalists of the early Christian era claims that it was a large forest tree and became dwarfed out of shame because the wood was used for the Cross of Calvary. These herbalists who studied the medicinal properties of plants, prescribed the use of mistletoe as an antidote against poison and as a cure for epilepsy and similar diseases. No such use is made of it in modern times.

Classification

The Mistletoe Family is known to botanists as Loranthaceae. It contains about 900 species of plants living mostly in the tropics and chiefly parasites to some degree, and woody in structure.

Mistletoe belongs to the flowering plants but the flowers are inconspicious and somewhat rudimentary. They usually appear in summer. The plants are said to be dioecious, that is, living in two houses. The staminate flowers or males, appear on one plant and the pistillate, or female, develop on another plant. This accounts for the fact that fruits are not formed on all plants, only the females. This can be noticed in one tree that has several plants attached. Pollenation is done by insects.

The fruits are small white berries about the size of youpon fruits. Their glossy white fruits against the yellowish green of the thick, rounded leaves makes an ornament of rare beauty. The leaves are opposite and sometimes in whirls. The short, heavy stems are distinctly jointed and are rather brittle and can be taken with relative ease from the limbs or trunks on which they are grown.

There are two genera of mistletoe in the United States. The dwarf type, known scientifically as Arceuthobium, meaning "living on juniper" are found in the Northwest. They live on evergreens, such as pines, firs, etc. and are not used in Christmas decorations. They are too small and some types are without broad leaves.

The other genera, known as Phoradendron, meaning "tree thief" because it is parasitic, is commonly called American Mistletoe and in great favor for Christmas decorations.

Habits

There are varying degrees of parasitism in the Mistletoes. While our Christmas Mistletoe does some damage to host trees, apparently little is don on a commercial scale. Their broad leaves contain much chlorophyll which seems to be able to function effectively under a canopy of broad leaves of hardwood host trees.

Since they have green leaves, they produce their own food and take only ray material as water and dissolved minerals from the host tree. This is why they are regarded as half parasites. They take little, if any elaborated foods.

Mistletoe plants have no true roots but have a modified absorption system known as haustoria. These structures are able to penetrate both the bast and the sapwood .It is through the sapwood hat they take the rising water and minerals from the host tree at the site of he parasite penetration.

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Distribution

Sometimes many trees are heavily infested. There must be some natural cause and effect relationship for this. It is generally regarded as evident that seeds of mistletoe are carried by birds. The soft, fleshy portion of the berries is composed of viscin, a very stick substance that can take up much water. When the berries are ripe, birds eat them. In the process of eating, seeds may cli

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Caution! Ladies, it is still regarded permissible for a man to kiss any lady he sees under the mistletoe at Christmas. Where this custom arose is not known, but it is widely used to this day.

Christmas Story . . .

pany starved out in the Deep South was currently stranded in Baltimore helped him here, for its members were glad to take an engagement at an inside rate, but the musicians' union, as usual, refused to let art or philanthropy shake its principles, and Fred had to pay six of its members the then prevailing scale of four dollars for their first eight hours of work and fifty cents an hour for overtime. He got, of course, some contributions in cash from rich freethinkers, but when the smoke cleared away at last and he totted up

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Medical . . .

iodothyronine. They learned that the common form of the hormone found in the thyroid gland and the blood stream must be transformed by the body cells into triiodothyronine before it becomes effective.

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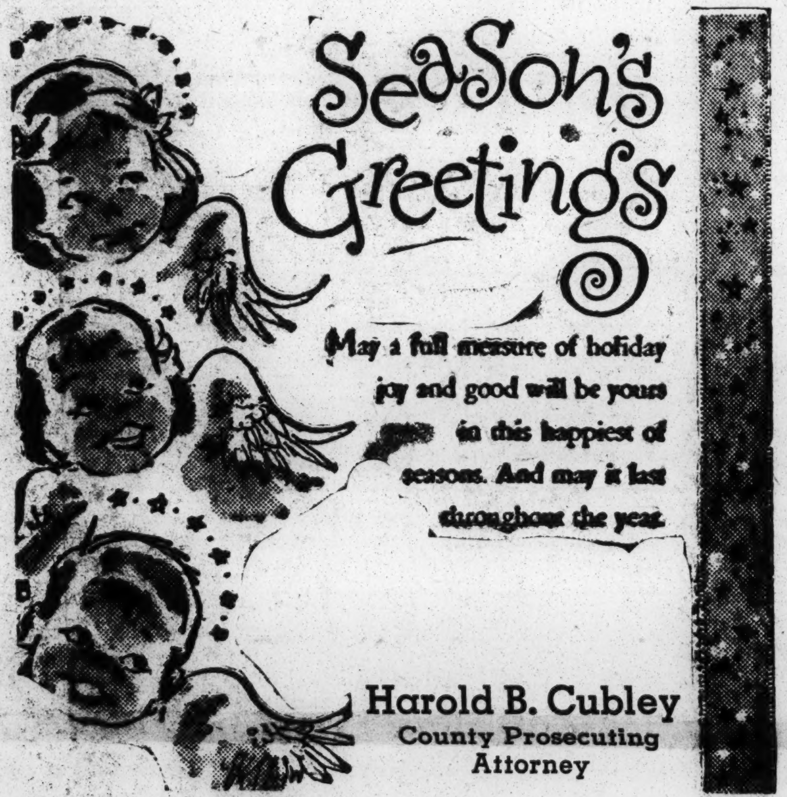
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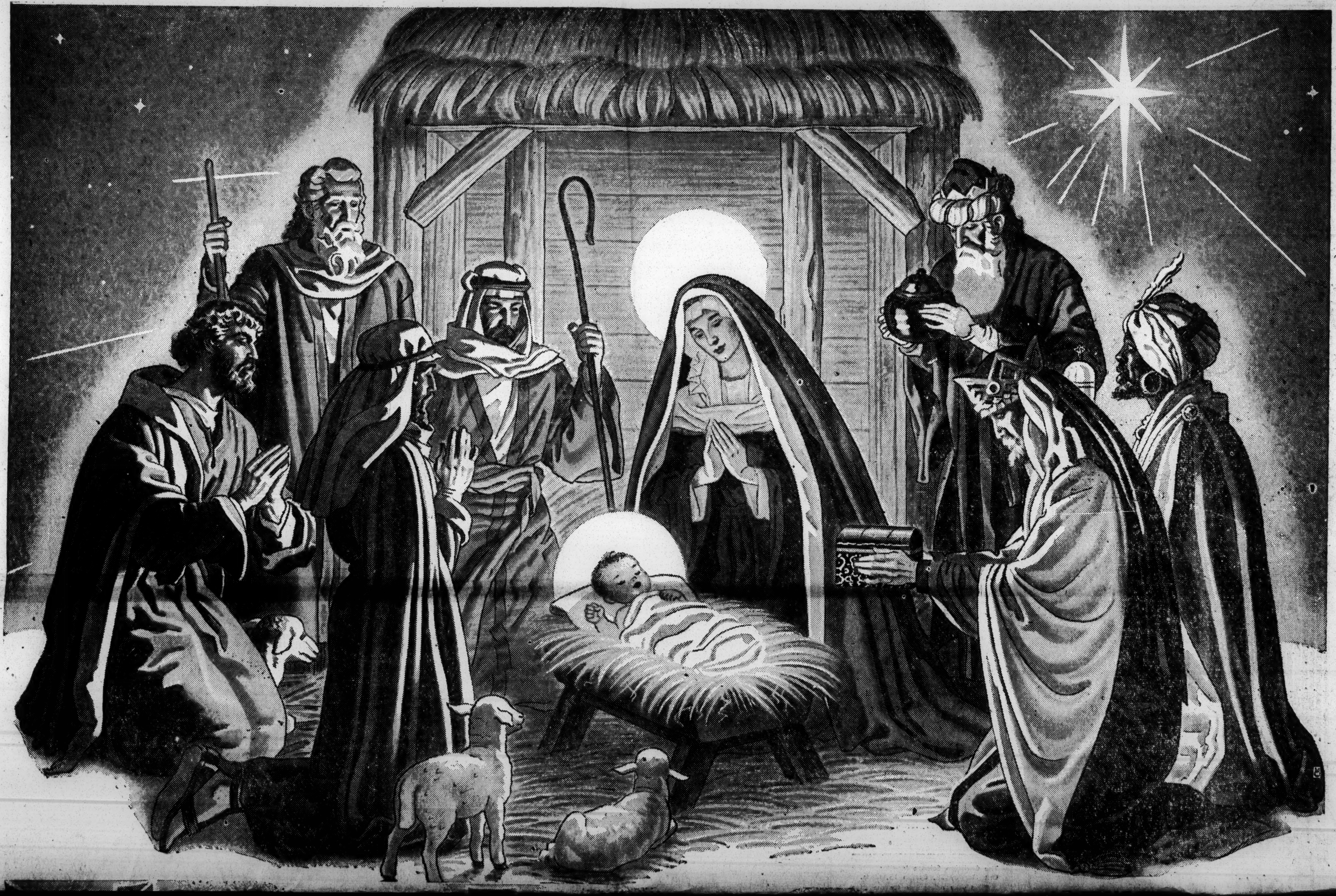

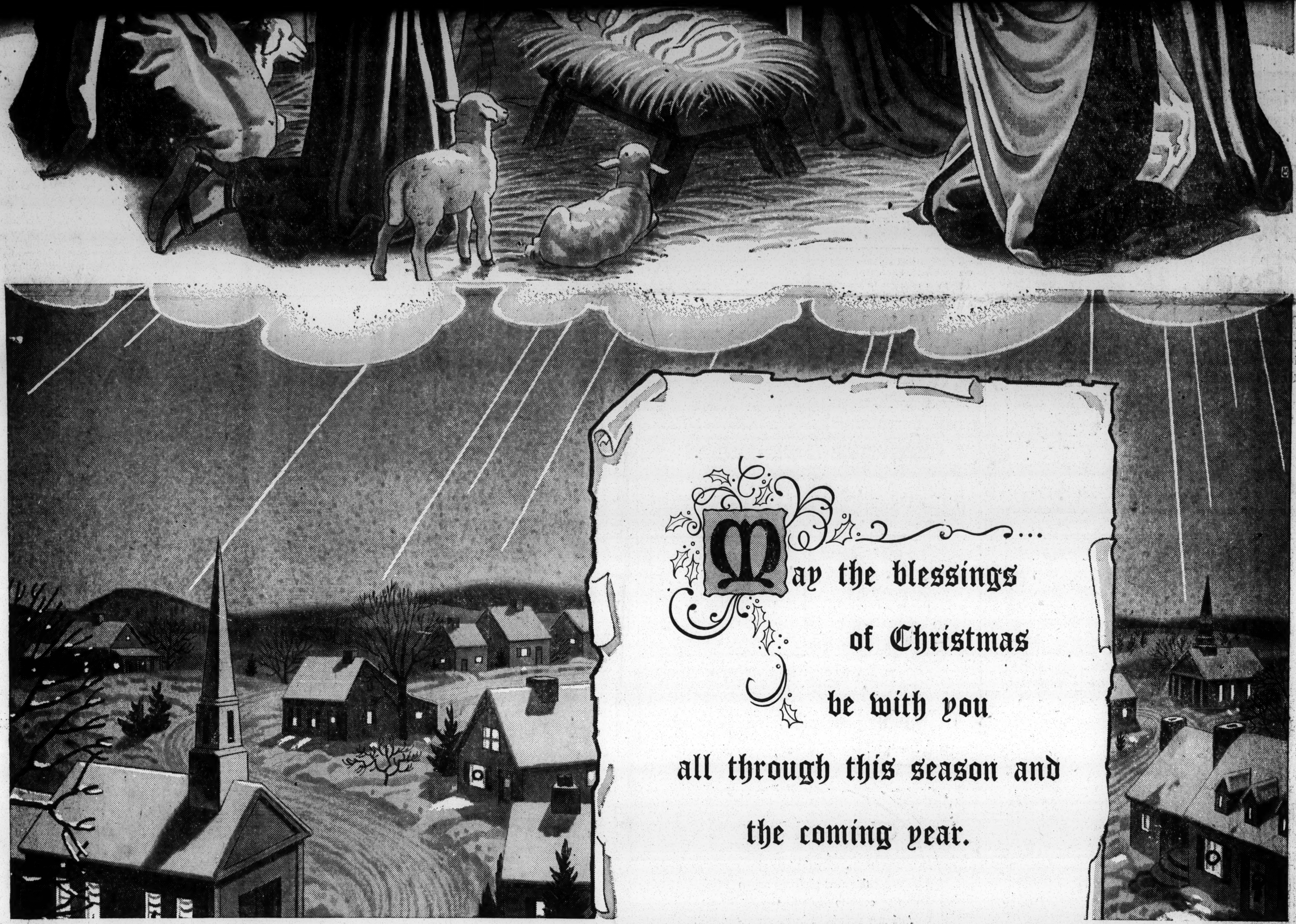

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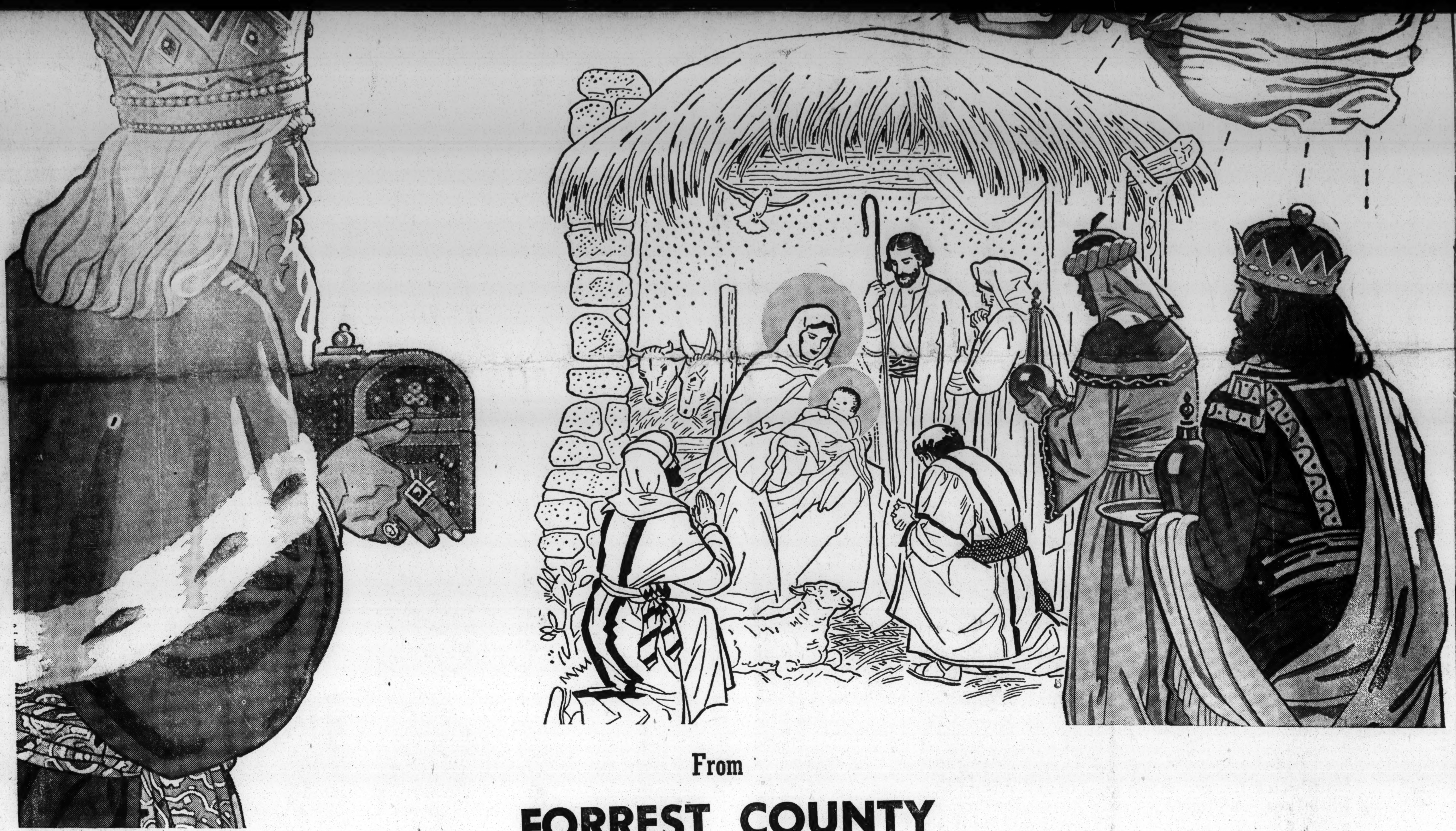

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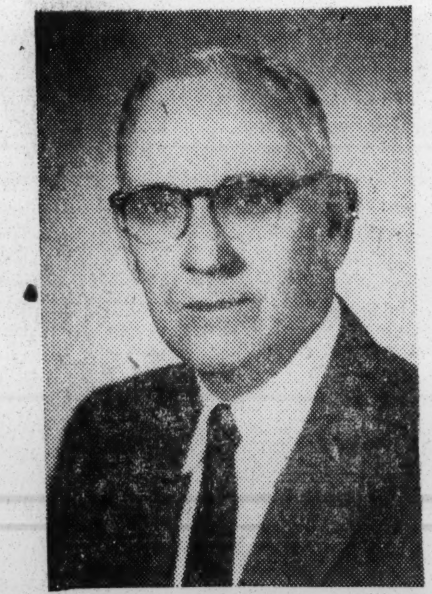

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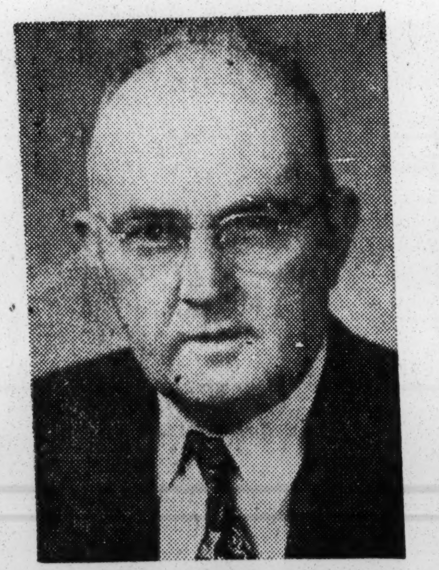

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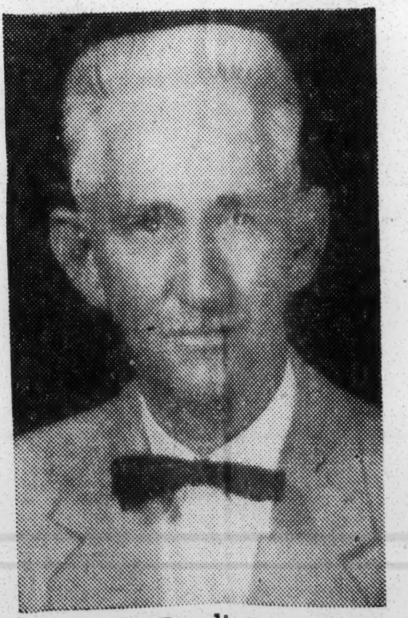

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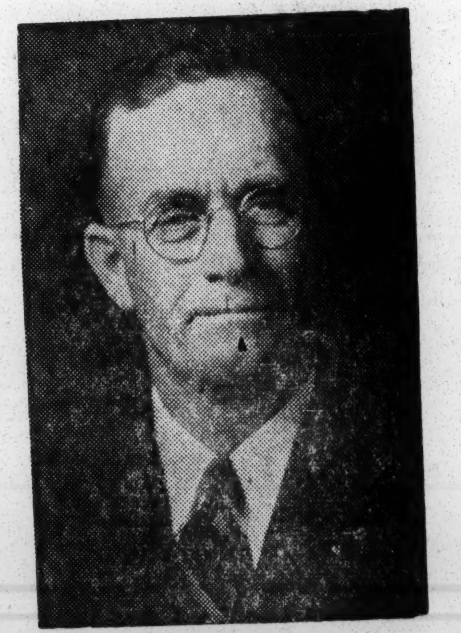

Herbert Lee
Beat 5

Christmas Story . .

his books, he found that the party had set him back more than a hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Admission to it was by invitation only, and the guests were selected with a critical and bilious eye by the police lieutenant. No bum who had ever been known to do any honest work—even such light work as sweeping out a saloon—was on the list. By Fred's express and oft-repeated command it was made up wholly of men completely lost to human decency, in whose favor nothing whatsoever could be said. The doors opened at 11 a.m. of Christmas Day, and the first canto of the dinner began instantly. There were none of the usual preliminaries—no opening prayer, no singing of a hymn, no remarks by Fred himself, not even a fanfare by the band. The bums simply shuffled and shoved their way to the tables and simultaneously the waiters and sommelier poured in with the chow and the malt. For half an hour no sound was heard save the rattle of crockery, the chomp-chomp of mastication, and the grateful grunts and "Oh, boy!"s of the assembled underprivileged.

Then the cigars were passed round (not one but half a dozen to every man), the band cut loose with the tonic chord of G major, and the burlesque company plunged into Act I, Sc. 1 of "Krausmeyer's Alley." There were in those days, as old-timers will recall, no less than five standard versions of this classic, ranging in refinement all the way from one so tony that it might have been put on at the Union Theological Seminary down to one so rowdy that it was fit only for audiences of policemen, bums, newspaper reporters, and medical students. This last was called the Cincinnati version, because Cincinnati was then the only great American city whose mores tolerated it. Fred gave instructions that it was to be played a outrance and con fuoco, with no salvo of slapsticks, however daring. Let the boys have it, he instructed the chief comedian, Larry Snodgrass, straight in the eye and direct from the wood. They were poor men and full of sorrow, and he wanted to give them, on at least one red-letter day, a horse doctor's dose of the kind of humor they really liked.

In that remote era the girls of the company could add but little to the exhilarating grossness of the performance, for the strip tease was not yet invented and even the shimmy was still only nascent, but they did the best they could with the muscle dancing launched by Little Egypt at the Chicago World's Fair, and that best was not to be sneezed at, for they were all in hearty sympathy with Fred's agenda, and furthermore, they cherished the usual hope of stage folk that Charles Frohman or Abe Erlanger might be in the audience. Fred had demanded that they all appear in red tights, but there were not enough red tights in hand to outfit more than half of them, so Larry Snodgrass conveived the bold idea of sending on the rest with bare legs. It was a revolutionary indelicacy, and for a startled moment or two the police lieutenant wondered whether he was not bound by his Hippocratic oath to raid the show, but when he saw the whole audience leap up and break into cheers, his dubieties vanished, and five minutes later he was roaring himself when Larry and the other comedians began paddling the girls' cabooses with slapsticks.

I have seen many a magnificent performance of "Krausmeyer's Alley" in my time, including a Byzantine version called "Krausmeyer's Dispensary," staged by the students at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, but never have I seen a better one. Larry and his colleagues simply gave their all. Wherever, on ordinary occasions, there would have been a laugh, they evoked a roar, and where there would have been roars they produced something akin to asphyxia and apoplexy. Even the members of the musicians' union were forced more than once to lay down their fiddles and cornets and bust into laughter. In fact, they enjoyed the show so vastly that when the comedians retired for breath and the girls came out to sing "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" or "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad," the accompaniment was full of all the outlaw glissandi and sforzandi that we now associate with jazz.

The show continued at high tempo until 2 p.m., when Fred shut it down to give his guests a chance to eat the second canto of their dinner. It was a duplicate of the first in every detail, with second and third helpings of turkey, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and celery for everyone who call- for them, and a pitcher of beer in front of each guest. The boys ground away at it for an hour, and then lit fresh cigars and leaned back comfortably for the second part of the show. It was still basically "Krausmeyer's Alley," but it was a "Krausmeyer's Alley" adorned and bedizened with reminiscences of every other burlesque show curtain raiser and afterpiece in the repertory. It went on and on for four solid hours, with Larry and his pals bending themselves to their utmost exertions, and the girls shaking their legs in almost frantic abandon. At the end of an hour the members of the musicians' union demanded a cut-in on the beer and got it, and immediately afterward the commeliers began passing pitchers to the performers on the stage. Meanwhile, the pitchers on the tables of the guests were kept replenished, cigars were passed round at short intervals, and the waiters came in with pretzels, potato chips, celery, radishes and chipped beef to stay the stomachs of those accustomed to the free-lunch way of life.

At 7 p.m. precisely, Fred gave the signal for a hiatus in the entertainment, and the waiters rushed in with the third canto of the dinner. The supply of roast turkey, though it had been enormous, was beginning to show signs of wear by this time, but Fred had in reserve twenty hams and forty pork shoulders, the contribution of George Wienefeldter, president of the Wienefeldter Bros. & Schmidt Sanitary Packing Co., Inc. Also, he had a mine of reserve sauerkraut hidden down under the stage, and soon it was in free and copious circulation and the guests were taking heroic hacks at it. This time they finished in three-quarters of an hour, but Fred filled the time until 8 p.m. by ordering a seventh-inning stretch and by having the police lieutenant go to the stage and assure all hands that any bona-fide participant found on the streets, at the conclusion of the exercises, with his transmission jammed would not be clubbed and jugged, as was the Baltimore custom at the time, but returned to the hall to sleep it off on the floor. This announcemen made a favorable impression, and the brethren ettled down for the resumption of the show in a very

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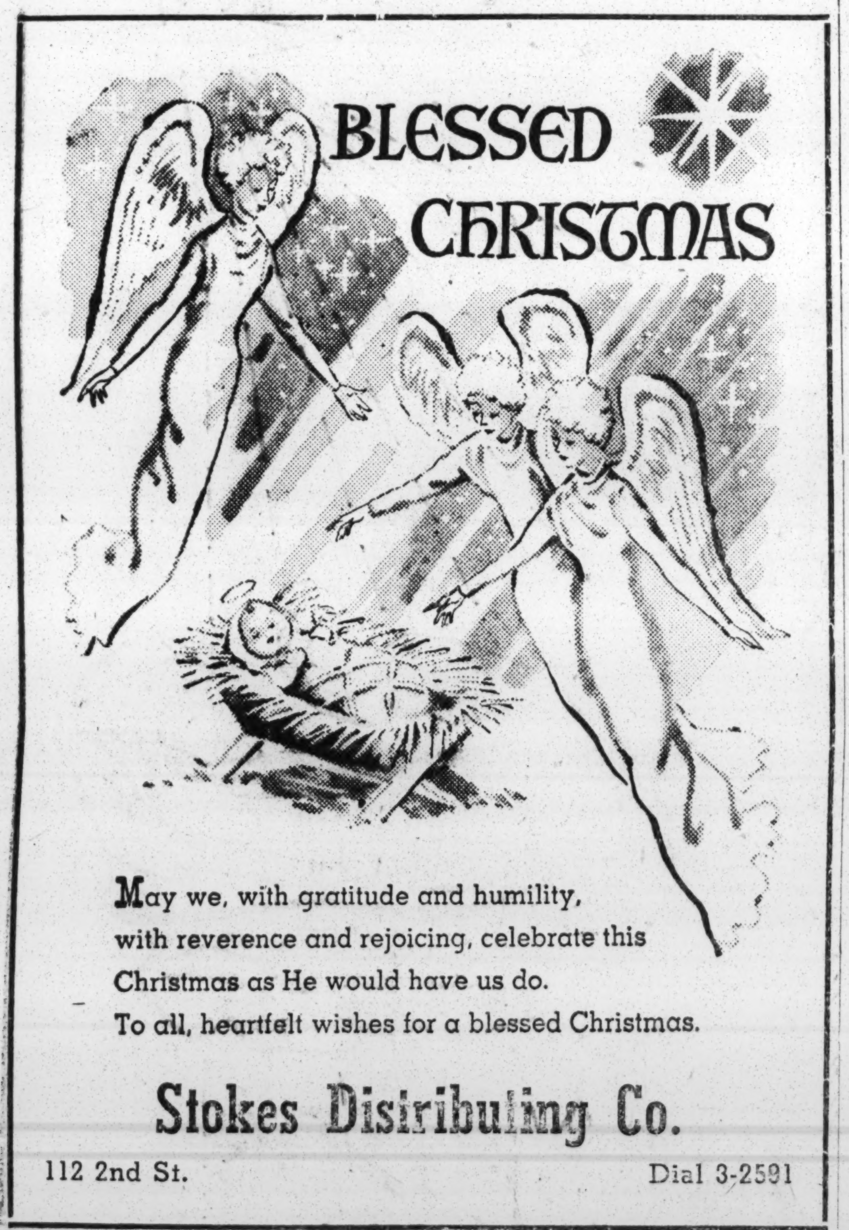

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To all, heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas.

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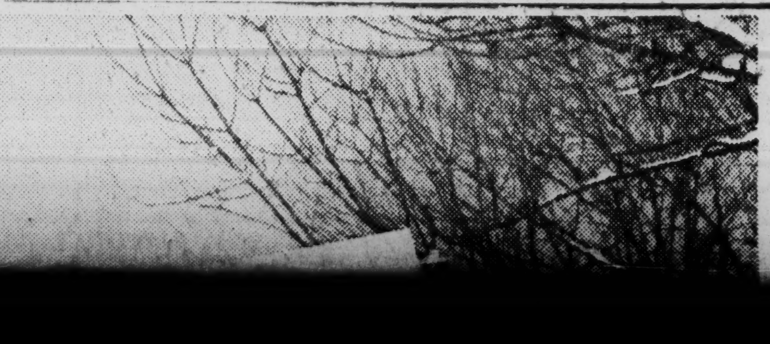

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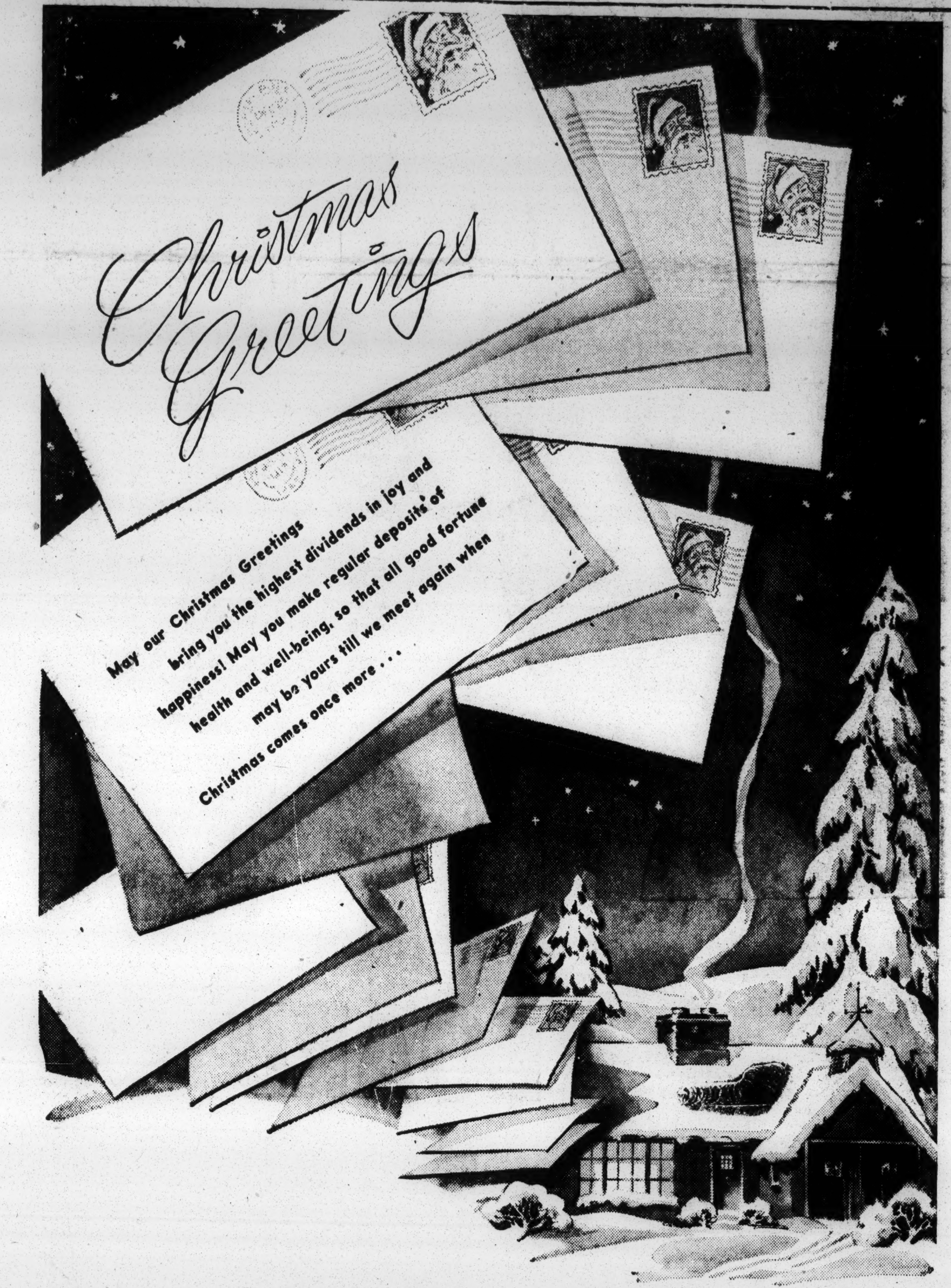

May our Christmas Greetings
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Christmas Story . .

pleasant mood. Larry and his associates were pretty well fagged out by now, for the sort of acting demanded by the burlesque profession is very fatiguing, but you'd never have guessed it by watching them work.

At ten the show stopped again, and there began what Fred described as a Bierabend, that is, a beer evening. Extra pitchers were put on every table, more cigars were handed about, and the waiters spread a substantial lunch of rye bread, rat-trap cheese, ham, bologna, potato salad, liver pudding, and Blutwurst. Fred announced from the stage that the performers needed a rest and would not be called upon again until twelve o'clock, when a midnight show would begin, but that in the interval any guest or guests with a tendency to song might step up and show his or their stuff. No less than a dozen volunteers at once went forward, but Fred had the happy thought of beginning with a quartet, and so all save the first four were asked to wait. The four laid their head together, the band played the vamp of "Sweet Adeline," and they were off. It was not such singing as one hears from the Harvard Glee Club or the Bach Choir at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but it was at least as good as the barbershop stuff that hillbillies now emit over the radio. The other guests applauded politely, and the quartet, operating briskly under malt and hop power, proceeded to "Don't You Hear Dem Bells?" and "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party." Then the four singers had a nose-to-nose palaver and the first tenor proceeded somewhat shakily to a conference with Otto Strauss, the leader of the orchestra.

From where I sat, at the back of the hall, beside Fred, I could see Otto shake his head, but the tenor persisted in whatever he was saying, and after a moment Otto shrugged resignedly and the members of the quartet again took their stances. Fred leaned forward eagerly, curious to hear what their next selection would be. He found out at once. It was "Are You Ready for the Judgment Day?", the prime favorite of the period in all the sailors' bethels, helping-up missions, Salvation Army bum traps, and other such joints along the waterfront. Fred's horror and amazement and sense of insult were so vast that he was completely speechless, and all I heard out of him while the singing went on was a series of sepulchral groans. The man was plainly suffering cruelly, but what could I do? What, indeed, could anyone do? For the quartet had barely got halfway through the first stanza of the composition before the whole audience joined in. And it joined in with even heartier enthusiasm when the boys on the stage proceeded to "Showers of Blessings," the No. 2 favorite of all seasoned mission stiffs, and then to "Throw Out the Lifeline," and then to "Where Shall We Spend Eternity?," and then to "Wash Me, and I Shall Be Whiter Than Snow."

Halfway along in this orgy of hymnody, the police lieutenant took Fred by the arm and led him out into the cold, stinging, corpse-reviving air of a Baltimore winter night. The bums, at this stage were beating time on the tables with their beer glasses and tears were trickling down their noses. Otto and his band knew none of the hymns, so their accompaniment became sketchier and sketchier, and presently they shut down altogether. By this time the members of the quartet began to be winded, and soon there was a halt. In the ensuing silence there arose a quavering, boozy, sclerotic voice from the floor. "Friends," it began, "I just want to tell you what these good people have done for me—how their prayers have saved a sinner who seemed past all redemption. Friends, I had a good mother, and I was brought up under the influence of the Word. But in my young manhood my sainted mother was called to heaven, my poor father took to rum and opium, and I was led by the devil into the hands of wicked men — yes, and wicked women, too. Oh, what a shameful story I have to tell! It would shock you to hear it, even if I told you only half of it. I let myself be . . ."

I waited for no more, but slunk into the night. Fred and the police lieutenant had both vanished, and I didn't see Fred again for a week. But the next day I encountered the lieutenant on the street, and he hailed me sadly. "Well," he said, "what could you expect from them bums? It was the force of habit, that's what it was. They have been eating mission handouts so long they can't help it. Whenever they smell coffee, they begin to confess. Think of all that good food wasted! And all that beer! And all them cigars."

What's New?

Big Thrill for a movie snapshooter would be a precision camera that's easy to operate. It's the first to have a flash holder style as part of the camera. Instructions for taking 35 mm. color slides and black and white pictures are printed on the camera body.—Town Journal.

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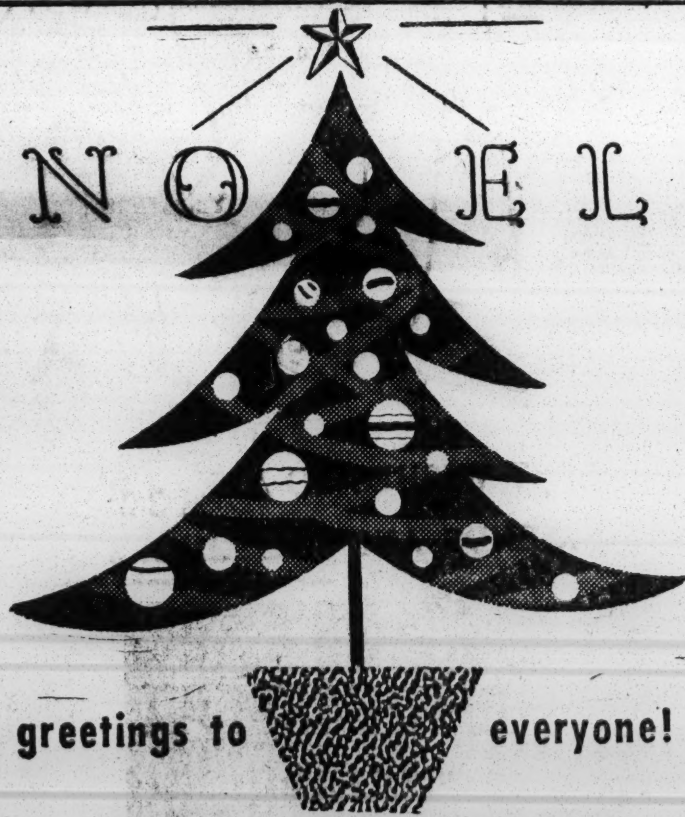

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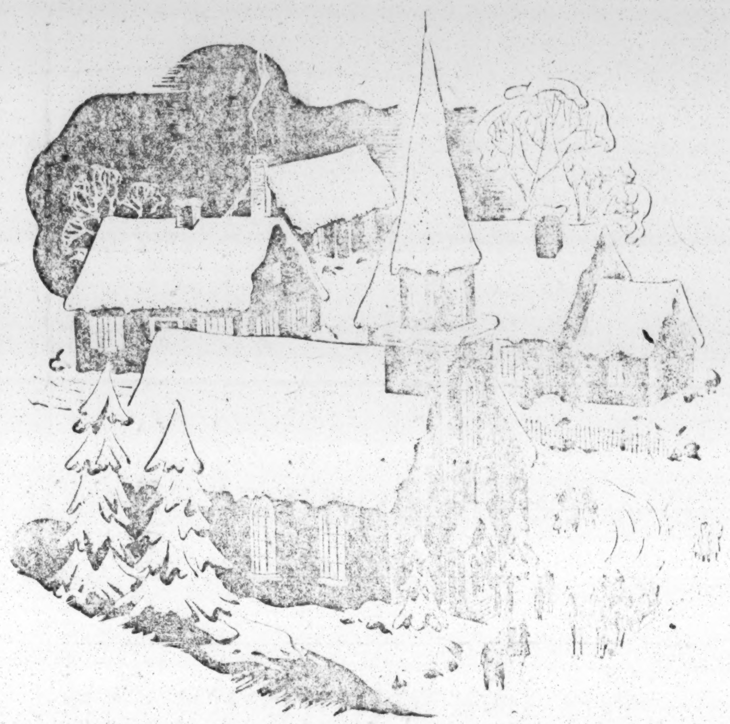

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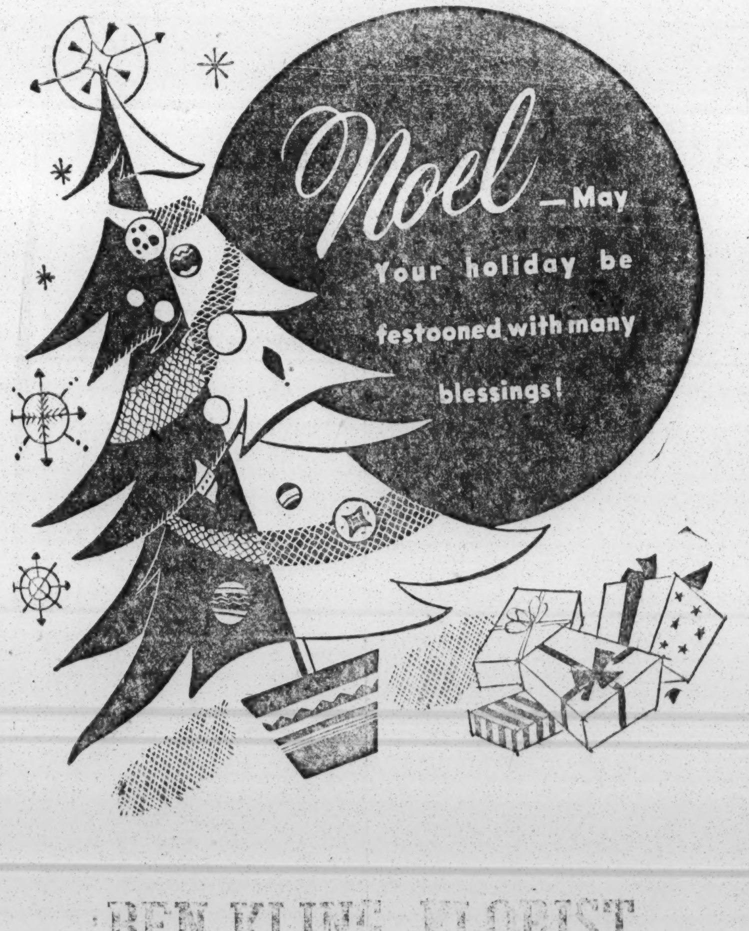

Noel —May Your holiday be festooned with many blessings!

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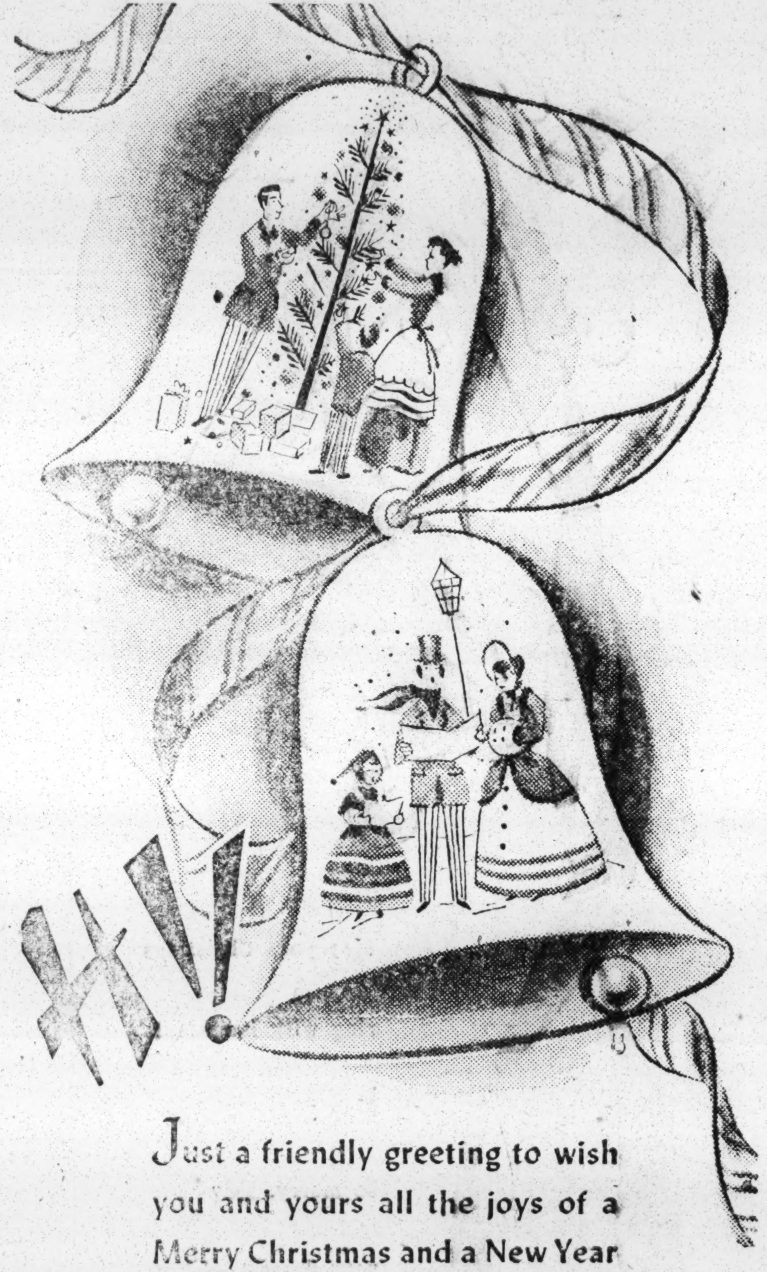

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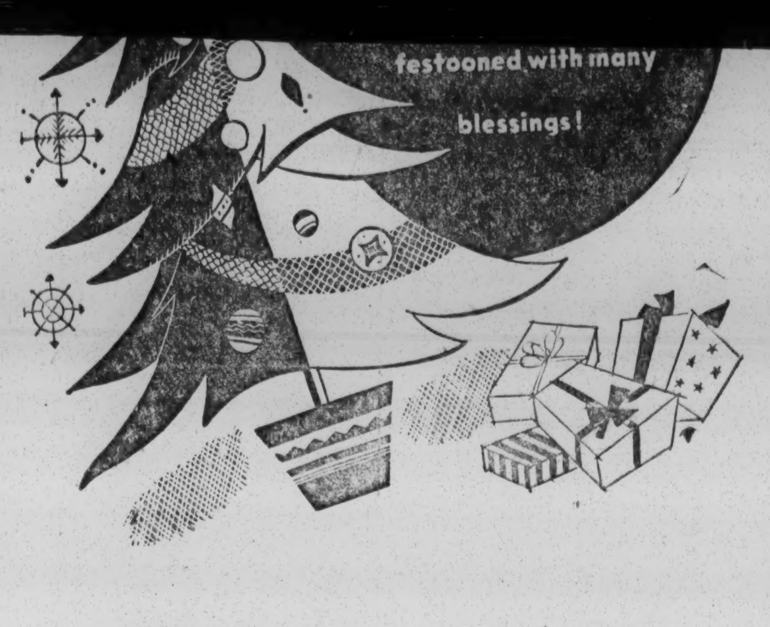

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Season's
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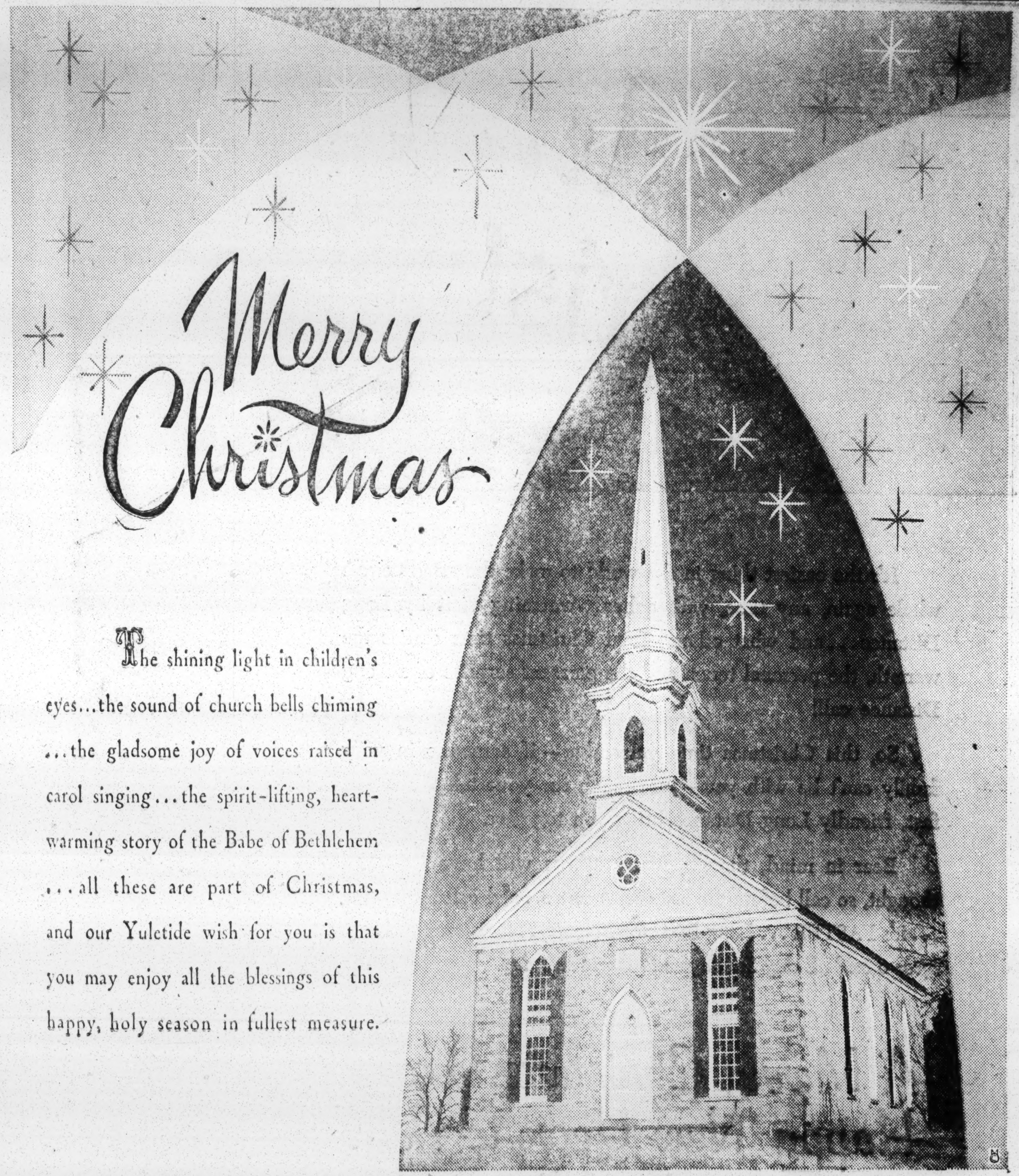

The shining light in children's eyes...the sound of church bells chiming ...the gladsome joy of voices raised in carol singing...the spirit-lifting, heart-warming story of the Babe of Bethlehem ...all these are part of Christmas, and our Yuletide wish for you is that you may enjoy all the blessings of this happy, holy season in fullest measure.

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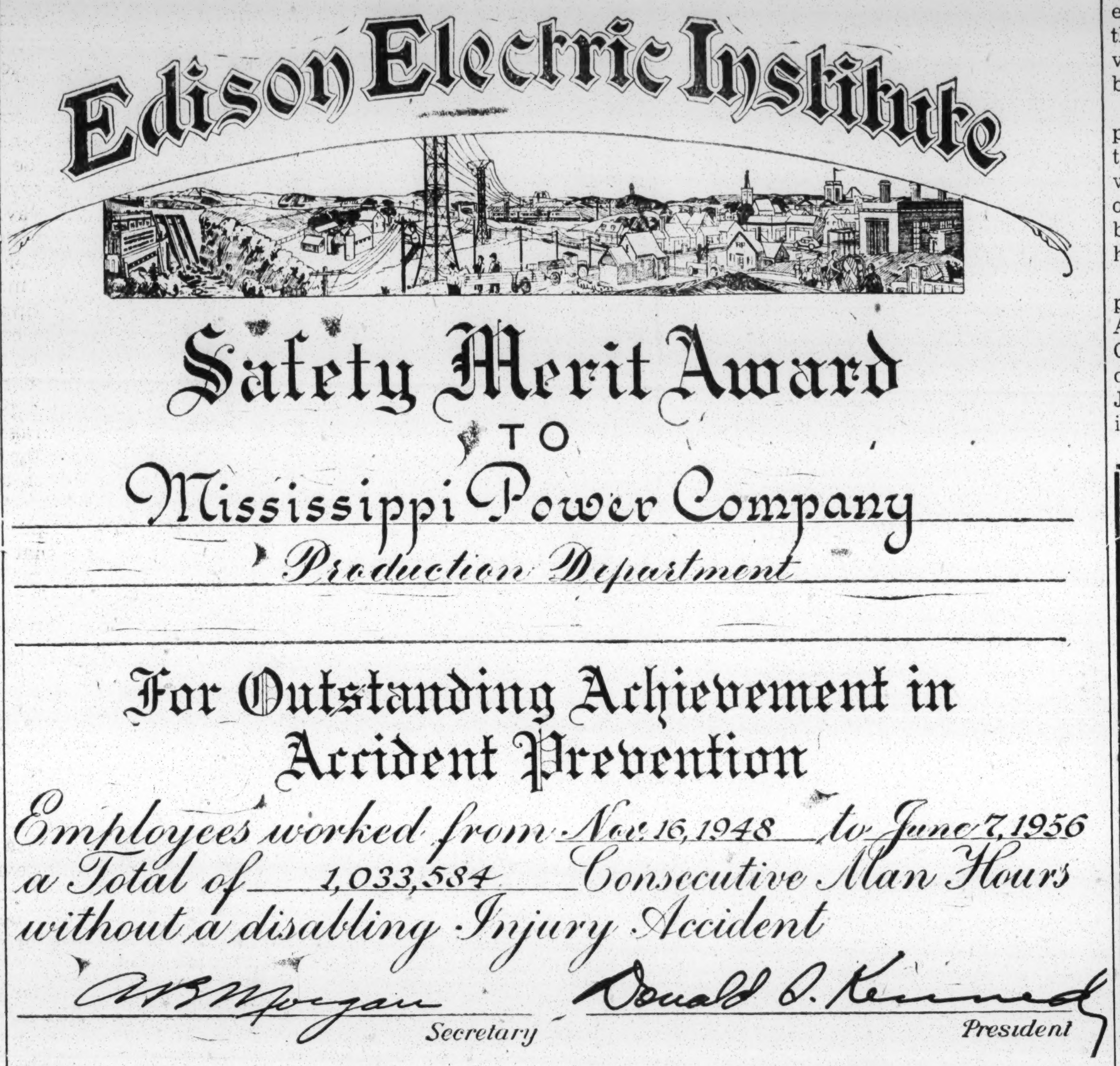

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For Outstanding Achievement in
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Mississippi Power Company Receives Edison Electric Safety Merit Award

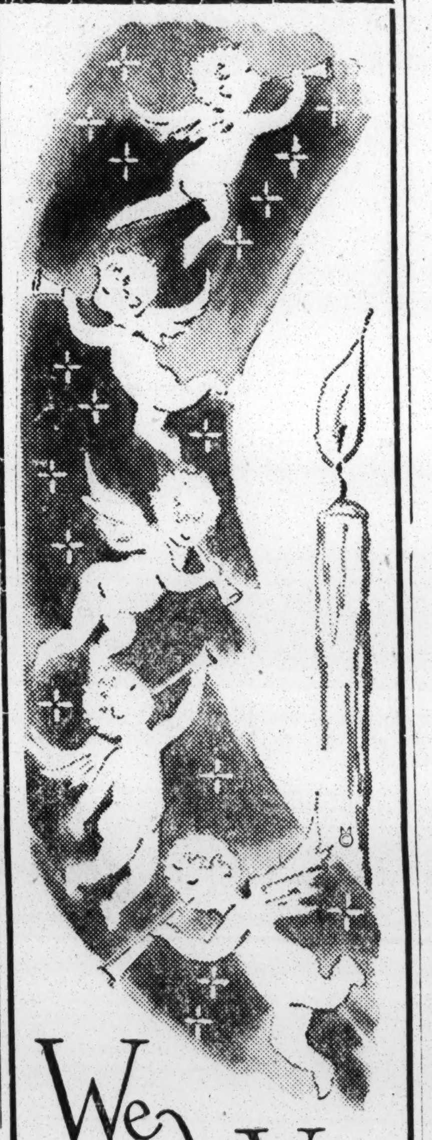
The Edison Electric Institute has awarded the Production Department of Mississippi Power Company the Safety Merit Award for outstanding achievement in accident prevention. The award is presented by the Institute to electric utility companies or departments whose employees complete one million man hours without a disabling injury.

The Mississippi Power Company Production Department, comprised of the company's two generating plants, Plant Eaton and Plant Sweatt, worked continuously from November 16, 1948 to June 7, 1956 without a lost time accident. During this seven and one-half year period the employees of these two plants worked 1,033,584 man hours.

In discussing the award, an official of the Company stated, "We are very proud of this award from the Edison Electric Institute. It is recognition of the safety consciousness of our employees. We think that it is a particularly fine achievement because it means that for more than one million man hours none of the employees at these two plants have suffered as the result of an accident. The elimination of human suffering is the true goal of any accident prevention program. That has always been our goal."

"We have a very active safety program in our company and safety is of prime consideration, but we feel that the credit for this outstanding record of achievement belongs to these employees. They have certainly earned this award."

In 1952 this same award was presented to the entire company. At that time the employees of the Company had worked continuously from October 23, 1951 to July 24, 1952 without a disabling injury.



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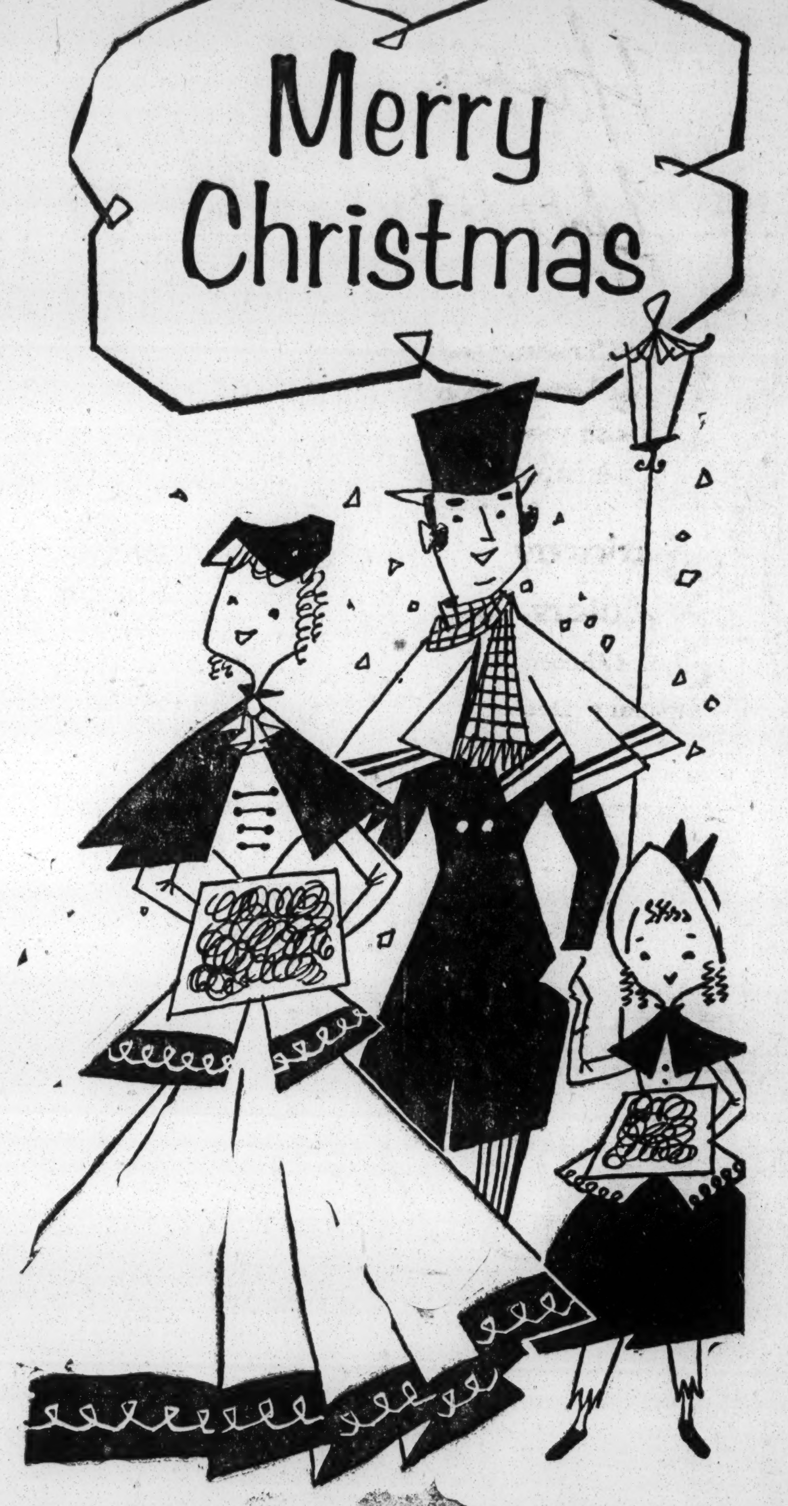

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Here's How To Save Postage On All Your Christmas Mail

By C. M. PAITE, Postmaster
Greenbush, Mass.
(Condensed from
Town Journal Magazine)

The man with the Christmas wrapped package marked "merchandise" gave me a sour look when I asked what was inside.

"Just a book," he snapped. I knew he thought I was being snoopy. But I'd guessed it was a book and once he told me, I was able to save him 24c postage. As merchandise, at parcel post rates, he'd have paid 32c to mail it; at book rates it went for only 8c.

After many such experiences at the Post Office where I'm postmaster, I'm convinced that most people would save money, and get better service if they knew more about postal services, or at least cooperate when the clerk asks what they're mailing.

False Economy

By contrast, I'm sure one woman thought I was a busybody when I suggested it was false economy to mail her Christmas cards unsealed at 2c. Yet every year thousands perhaps millions, of 2c stamped greeting cards go astray—and the sender never never knows, because they can't be returned or forwarded.

So unless your writing is clear and you're sure of your friend's address, better put that extra cent on for first class mail. The 25c greeting card that never arrives never makes anybody happy. And at 3c you can add a warm, newsy greeting to personalize the thought. (If you do that at the 2c rate, and it's discovered, your friend will have to pay the excess postage due.)

Now take the case of Mrs. Pflug with a package for Sonny Pflug who was drafted six weeks ago. "I want this to go special delivery," she says decisively. Postage to Fort Draftee is 45c plus 45c more for special delivery. If the parcel were sent "special handling," it would get there just as quickly and for 25c less. And Army camps being what they are, it is doubtful if quick personal delivery could be made anyway.

(Special handling is most used at Christmas—after it's too late for regular parcel post to get through in time.)

If you send letters abroad, you can save money by using letter-sized sheets of thin paper with printed postage and airmal markings. You write on the blank side, fold it to make an envelope, and air-mail it anywhere in the world —for 10c!

Certified Mail

For insurance policies, bank books, and other items on which it is advisable to have proof of mailing, certified mail is another money-saver. If you've used registered mail, you know it costs 40c plus postage. Now, by certified mail, for 15c plus postage, a serial number is put on the letter and you get a receipt bearing the same number. The recipient must sign another receipt, again showing the same serial number, which is kept on file in the post office. (For a personal receipt, mailed back to you, you can pay another 7c.)

The 25c saving comes because multiple handling is eliminated. A registered letter must be personally receipted by everybody who handles it along the way.

Do you send home-town newspaper clippings to friends or relatives? Don't try to save money by cutting out a lot of clippings and stuffing them into an envelope. At 3c an ounce, letter rate, those clippings may cost more than rolling up the whole paper and sending it at the "transient second class" rate—2c for the first two ounces, and 1c for each additional two ounces.

More $$$ Saving Tips

Here are more tips that will save you pennies — as well as nickels, dimes and dollars.

Standard size 3c stamped envelopes cost 4c singly, 89c in lots of 25.

Sending things C.O.D. is expensive— a 30c fee on articles valued at up to $5, plus postage.

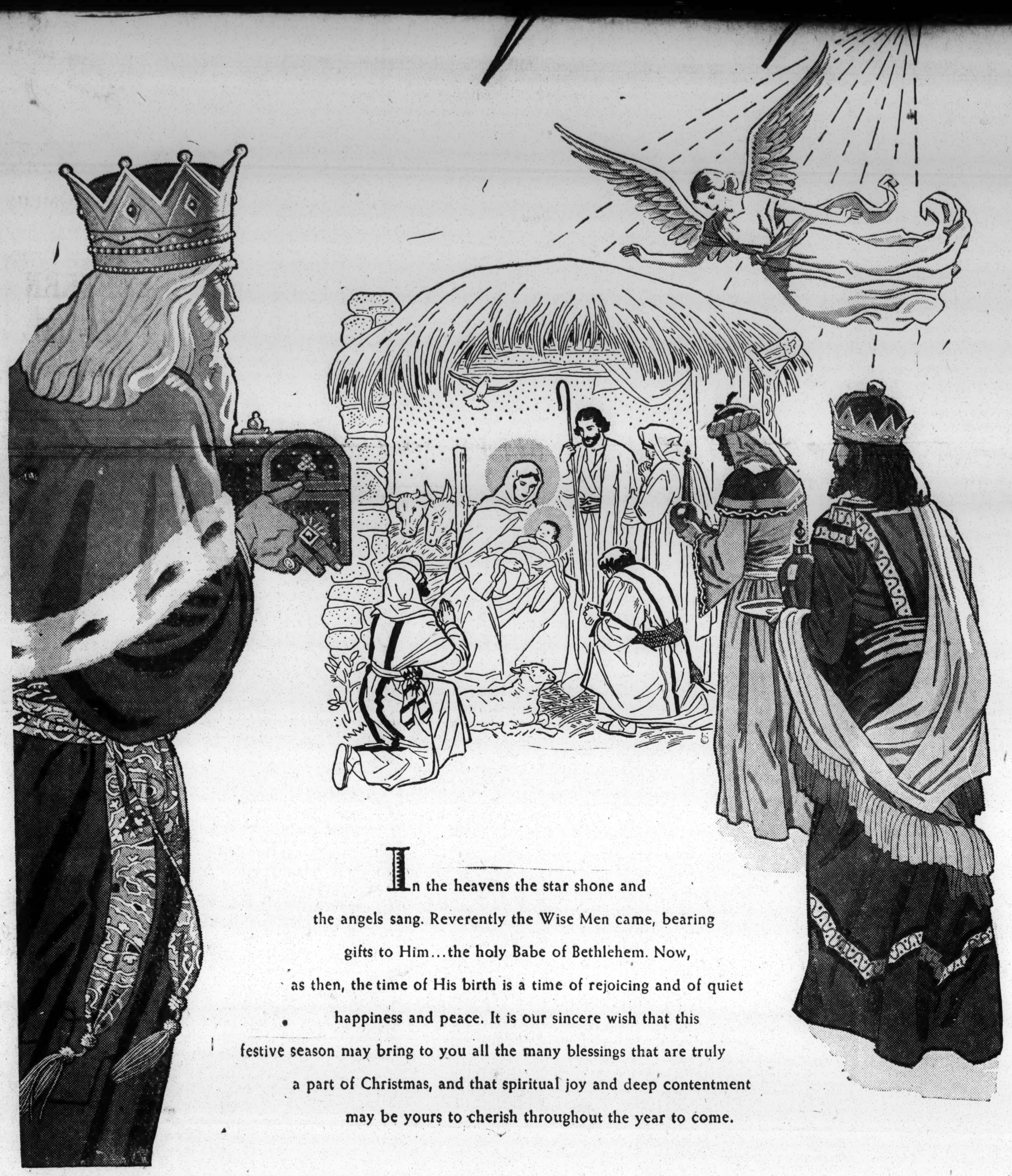
There are special rates for nonprofit and educational institutions, on such things as 16-mm. films, slides, library books, sound recordings, books in Braille, etc.

Stamped envelopes and postal cards accidentally spoiled before mailing can be redeemed for most of their face value.

If your post office provides boxholder service only, with no carrier or rural delivery, you can "drop letters" for 2c instead of 3c—if it's dropped in your office, for a box holder there.

Hollywood — "The face is familiar, but I can't remember the name." If you say that about someone you've just see in the movies, chances are you're talking about one of Hollywood's famous unknowns — character actors who have not won star billing, but because they appear in so many pictures, actually may make more money than some of moviedom's top figures. Among the busiest, and most prosperous, are Taylor Holmes, Mildred Natwick, Zazu Pitts, Steven Geray, Mary Wicks, Preston Foster, Sara Harden, Barton MacLane, Margaret Hamilton, Ellen Croby, Allyn Joslyn, Jane Darwell, and Verna Felton.

Christmas Greetings



In the heavens the star shone and the angels sang. Reverently the Wise Men came, bearing gifts to Him…the holy Babe of Bethlehem. Now, as then, the time of His birth is a time of rejoicing and of quiet happiness and peace. It is our sincere wish that this festive season may bring to you all the many blessings that are truly a part of Christmas, and that spiritual joy and deep contentment may be yours to cherish throughout the year to come.

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We're all a-glow with warm wishes for you and yours for a Christmas season abounding in happiness.

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To all our patrons . . . our warmest thanks and best wishes for a very festive and happy Holiday season.

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MISSISSIPPI
TREE FARM

Tree Farm Field Day At Laurel Draws Large Crowd From Area

The Tree Farm Field Day held on November 27 at Laurel on the Leggett tree farm attracted some 250 persons from Jones and surrounding counties.

Included on the program were demonstrations on forest fire protection, tree planting, hardwood management, and timber measurements.

Lt. Governor Carroll Gartin, a featured speaker, stated that a challenge faces landowners in taking the wonderful God-given timber resources and using them wisely to build a better State.

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Sixteen landowners from the area were awarded membership certificates in the Tree Farm program operated in this state by the Mississippi Forestry Association. Mississippi now leads the nation with more than 1000 of these privately-owned areas.

Richard Allen, Forestry Association President, told of the many activities of the association and invited all landowners to actively support the organization.

The field day was sponsored by the Laurel Chamber of Commerce, Masonite Corporation, and Dr. Tom Leggett.

Is There Really One? —

An American Santa Claus

Is there a Santa Claus? An American Santa Claus?

Does some mysterious spirit grant gifts and blessings to the people of the United States in which most of the rest of the world does not share?

One can not doubt it. And that there is an American Santa Claus we do verily believe.

Again this Christmas time the children in every home will delight in armfuls of new toys and joys. Generous groups will make it part of their holiday pleasure to see that children in orphanages and hospitals are well-remembered. The grownup folks, too, will be recipients.

How does it come that Christmas giving can be so lavish? And how is it that through all the year Americans can have so much—so much that few of humankind outside our country can enjoy?

Here we are, only 6% of the world's population. Yet we produce two-thirds of the world's manufactured goods. We use most of the world's telephones. We drive two-thirds of the world's motor vehicles.

We have jobs, good paying jobs, for nearly every able person who wants to work. We carry more insurance than anybody; fewer people each year need to look forward to a destitute or dependent old age.

With fewer hours of work than anywhere else we can buy the necessities which make us better fed, better clad and better housed. Our homes are enriched with unprecedented conveniences and comforts, and we have more free time in which to enjoy them.

Thanks to the American Santa

Claus, a very special Santa Claus from where these bounties flow. But not a mysterious Santa Claus. He is written into the American Constitution.

The great fact of the individual's liberty is our Santa Claus. Here, unhampered by governmental tyrannies, untrammeled by tyrannies of ancient customs, each person may work where he pleases at the job he chooses and do as he likes, after taxes, with the money he earns. He may speak, print and worship as he pleases.

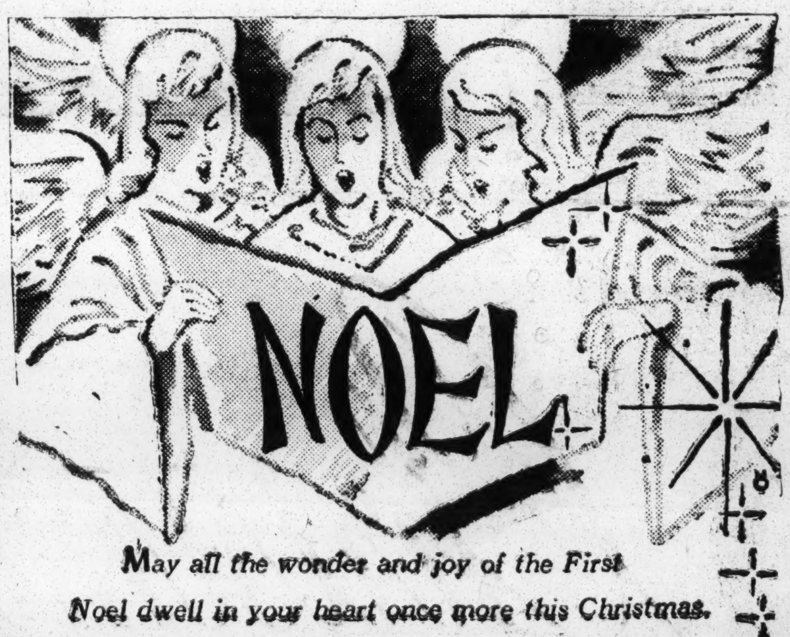
Because of this personal freedom, Americans produce more, and have moore t enjoy for themselves and with which to help others..

The ideals of Christianity, and the idea of the soul itself, link to the dignity of the individual person. Without liberty of choice, man becomes a subject of compulsion and is deprived of his full natural dignity.

Our American Santa Claus has thus grown out of those same basic concepts of man's moral worth that were expressed by the Christ whose birth Christmas celebrates. They are basic, too, in the season's eternal message: "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men."

Australia sells about 900 million dollars worth of wool a year.

American families spend about a quarter of their income for food.



May all the wonder and joy of the First Noel dwell in your heart once more this Christmas.

Clyde W. Easterling
Chancery Clerk

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Thanks to the American Santa Claus, we can spare what it takes to produce the world's most powerful military defense. We have been able to give away fifty or sixty billions to help allies and friends and to assist the less fortunate nations.

Nowhere on earth do so many of the people give so freely of their money, time and personal effort in organized or individual endeavor to help others and their communities. We support vast works of research to reduce disease and suffering. We have the money and energy to improve the present and to build the future.

Yes, there is an American Santa

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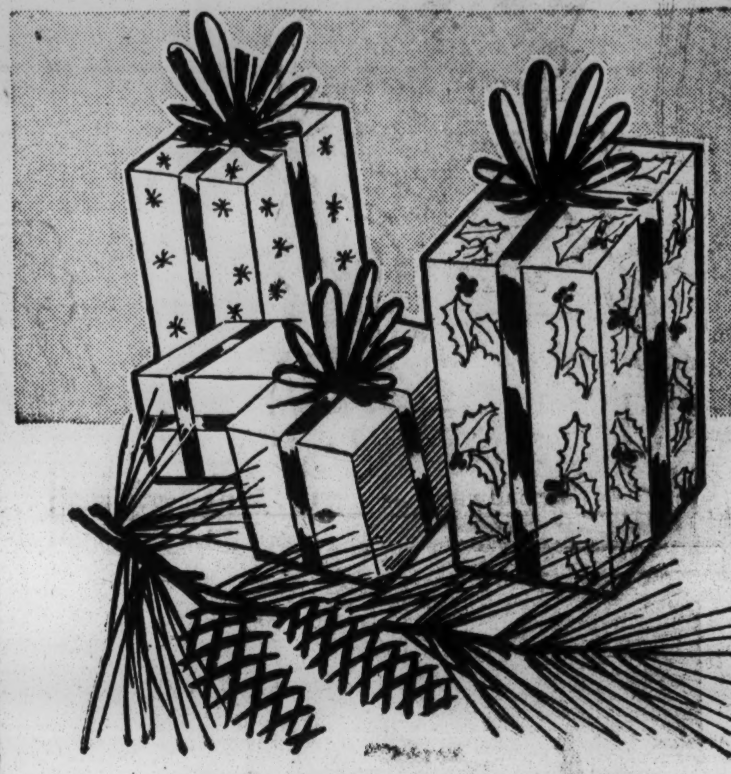

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THE WORLD OF NATURE

by

John M. Frazier, Conservationist
Mississippi Southern College

The Autumn Season

In America the terms autumn and fall mean almost the same thing. There are differences in usage in different English speaking countries of the Northern Hemisphere. And the months of autumn are different in the Southern Hemisphere where the seasons are in reverse order. What ever the differences, it is a favorite season with millions of people throughout the world.

The word autumn seems to be of uncertain origin, but likely Latin through French to English. It is generally recognized as the third season of the year. The different dictionary definitions refer to the harvest of fruit, maturity or decline, and to a reddish yellow color. It is also use as a term to express past middle life. All of these seem descriptive but in our country autumn is less widely used than fall, which names the outstanding feature.

Fall is a good Anglo-Saxon word. It is short and descriptive and easily said. We, therefore, use it more. The usage of the terms have definite significance. In Astronomy, autumn is the period between the autumnal equinox on or about September 21 each year and the winter solstice on or about December 21 in the Northern Hemisphere. In this country autumn and fall usually mean September, October and November, but in England it means August, September and October. They have early winter there. While our calendar period of autumn is about half over now, our fall biological prosesses are just beginning.

Astronomical Evidence of Autumn

The basic cause of autumn is celestial mechanics. As the earth spins like a top on its axis always pointing the north pole toward the north star and as we move in our orbit around the sun, we are now in the northern half of the orbit. This means the Northern Hemisphere is moving away from the sun. The result of this is shorter daylight periods. This is unfavorable for many living things which have to make adjustments for the adverse situation. The temperature changes enough to stop plant growth and change many activities. This is caused by the lower angle of the sun at this season.

Harvest and hunter's moons occur consecutively. The former nearest the autumnal equinox. The sun changes its path across the sky, moving further southward each day until the winter solstice is reached in December.

The evening sky during autumn is generally considered the most beautiful of the year. This is true because of the presence of certain prominent constellations like Orion, Hyades, the Ploides, Andromeda, Auriga, Perseus, Pegasus and the ever present circumpolar group.

Among the first magnitude stars of autumn evenings is Arcturus in Bootes, Capella in Auriga, Aldebaran in Taurus, Altair in Aquilla, Deneb in Cygmus, and Vega in Lyra. There is a great host of second magniture stars to make up a brilliant array.

Plant Characteristics

Since plants contribute most to the color of the landscape, they naturally take a leading role in changing to the fall season. They are now seemingly grudingly beginning to put on the bright gay colors of the season. The cause for this change is in the astronomical changes. Since autumn is a series of processes following in natural sequences, the plants take their turn.

As the soil temperature is reduced the taking up of water by plant roots is slowed down and finally stopped altogether. During this period of reduced water supply, the green chlorophyll in the leaves of many species of trees breaks down, leaving the more stable xanthophyll, carotin, and other colored material in the leaves to produce the brilliant colors.

While the colors are undergoing changes, a layer of cork several cells thick is produced at the base of the petiole or leaf stalk. This corky material is brittle and snaps off readily in a wind after the leaf has served its purpose for manufacturing food for the tree. The shedding of deciduous leaves is one of the phenoment of autumn

about October 20.

Toads, frogs, salamanders and all amphibians are fat and ready for winter hibernation. Turtles, lizards and snakes have practically ceased their search for food. They, too, are in the process of finding favorable winter quarters where they will be below the frost line for our short winter season,

Woolybear Saterpillars and others are seen scurrying across paved highways in search of a secure hiding place for making the change from caterpillar to pupal stage for spending the winter.

All of these things are a part of the autumn season.

What's New . . .

Watching shrimp eggs hatch, or building a robot man that really walks may give your child a lifelong interest in science. The eggs come with a toy microscope; the robot motor with an Erector set—both toys at Christmas counters this year.

Two new books, "Let's Find Out About Weather," and "About Electricity" (Grosset and Dunlap, $2 each) provide materials and instructions for making simple experiments.—Town Journal.

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Squeaky doors will turn quiet if you slip a new hinge lubricator onto the hing pin. Almost invisible when installed, it contains a felt insert, to which you add a few drops of oil.—Town Journal.

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You can use a paint brush instead of a trowel to spread the new adhesive for laying vinyl-asbestos tile floor—and you don't have to lay lining felt under the tile. The brushing cement is permanently tacky, will not dry out. One gallon covers 175 square feet. —Town Journal.

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Stocking present for a fellow who likes to follow the TV weathercasts is a new weather may called "Understanding Our Weather." You'll find it in bookstores.—Town Journal.

Read The Ads Along With The News

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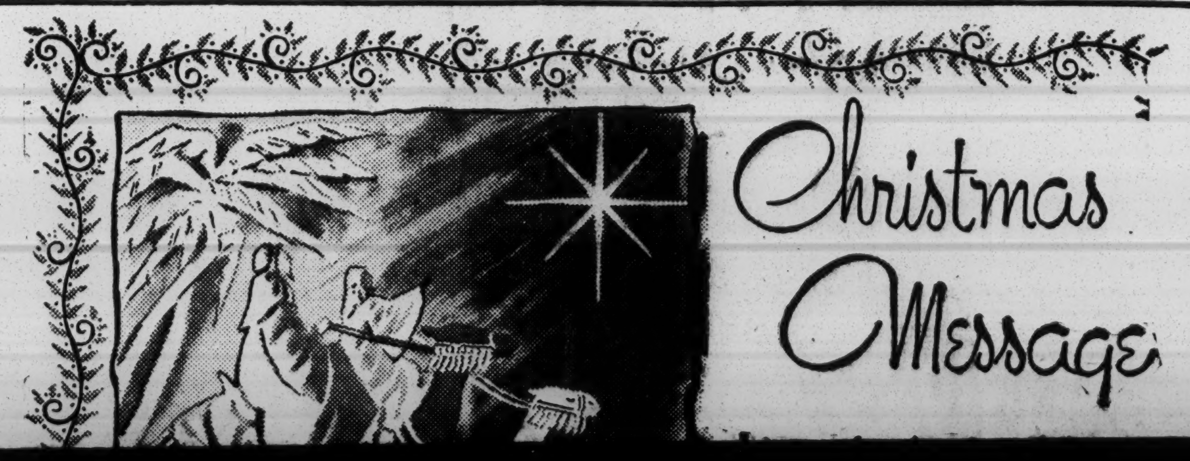

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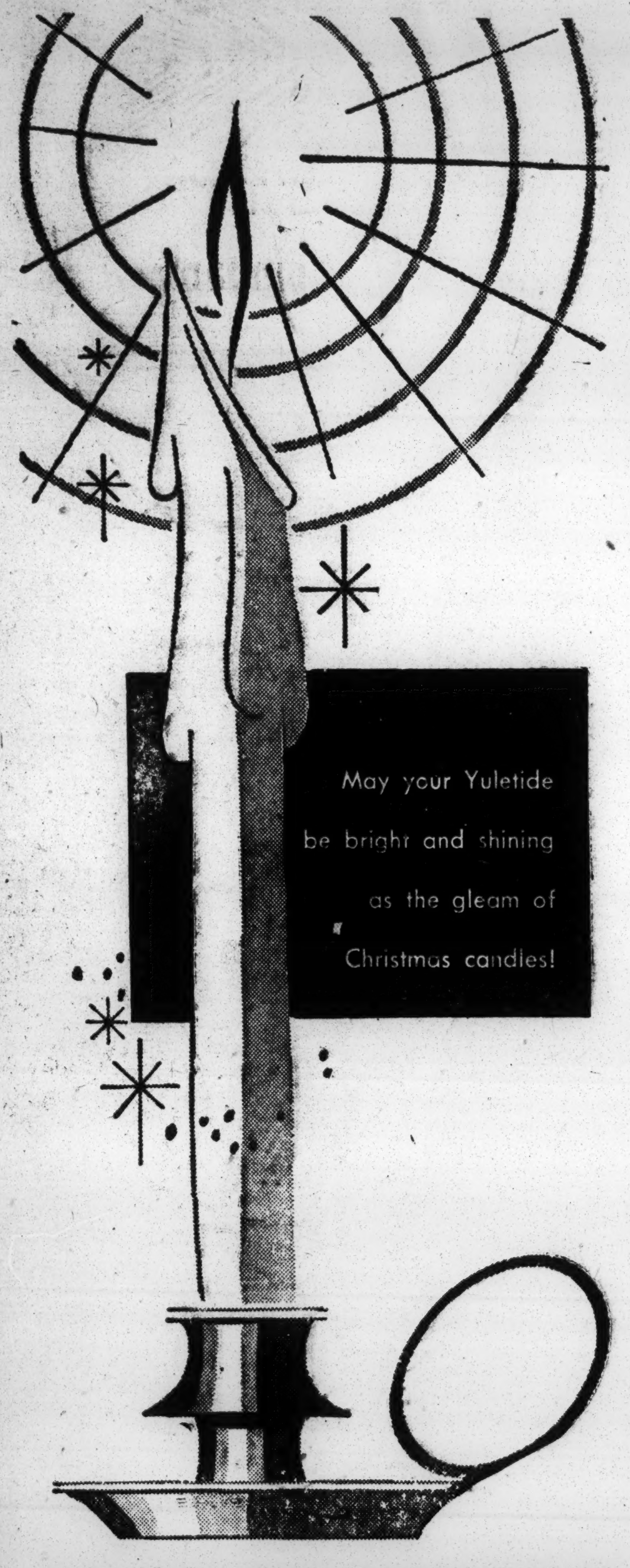

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be bright and shining
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Herbaceous plants are in the final phase of the struggle to produce seeds before the killing frost or other unfavorable conditions arise. Some have matured their seeds and died while others, particularly the perennials are clinging on to life.

Animal Adjustment

With the leaving of the chimney swifts just after mid-october, our summer nesting girds have migrated southward and the winter visitants are beginning to appear on the scene. The song of the White Throated Sparrow will be heard in increasing numbers from

where they will be below the frost line for our short winter season.

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As it came upon
a midnight clear, may the
joy of Christmas shine anew in
your heart, and its abundant graces
enrich your days throughout the coming year.

Dixie Pine Products Company
Hattiesburg

to All -- at this
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Christmas Message

Let our thoughts this Christmas
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Spirit of Christmas

As you worship in the
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". . . . . For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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